

St. Michael's College Rules of Residence 2010-2011

Living in residence is a unique experience that can greatly enrich one's university career; however, residence life is not for everyone. Unlike living alone, residents must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of their fellow housemates. They must also be willing to abide by certain standards of behaviour and respect the people charged with enforcing them. The following rules have been developed to help students achieve their academic and personal goals in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment:

Eligibility: To be eligible to live in residence, students are expected to be enrolled full-time at the UofT, to be in good academic standing, and to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Noise: Creating a level of noise that disturbs one's neighbours or prevents others from being able to sleep or study in their rooms is not permitted. Residents are also expected to respect any quiet hours that have been established in their houses. Radios, TV's, and stereo equipment are permitted so long as they do not disturb the peace of others. Residents are expected to moderate their voices when in public areas late at night (e.g. hallways, the quad) and are not permitted to yell out of windows. Sub-woofers are not permitted in residence.

Visitors: In order to reduce late night noise and disruptions, St. Mike's enforces visiting hours in all of its residence houses. Visitors are welcome from 10 a.m. until midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and until 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times and for any damage they may cause. Visitors are not permitted in residence without their host present nor may they be lent keys.

Overnight Guests: To prevent freeloading and reduce late night disruptions, St. Mike's has policies about overnight guests. Although the College accommodates both male and female students, all individual residences remain single sex. This system provides students with comfort and privacy when using washrooms or visiting common areas late at night or early in the morning. To maintain this comfort level, opposite sex guests are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence houses. Residents may occasionally have guests of the same sex stay over but only with the prior permission of their don (and roommate, if applicable). No guests are permitted to sleep in the common rooms.

Residence Property: Residence rooms come equipped with furniture which must remain in the room and be accounted for at year's end (including window screens and bed frames). Missing items or damage to the room, its contents, or to any other College property will be charged to the responsible party. Damage in double rooms will be charged to both occupants unless one party takes responsibility. Residents are not permitted to display or affix anything on the exterior of the residence buildings, or to suspend, throw or let fall any object or matter from a residence window or rooftop.

Pets: No pets of any kind are permitted in residence.

Cleanliness: Residents are expected to keep their rooms in reasonable order and to remove all personal items from their room at year's end. Residents, not janitorial staff, are responsible for cleaning up after house functions. Residence rooms or common areas that require excessive cleaning will be billed to the parties responsible.

Cooking & Appliances: In the interests of fire safety, cleanliness and the containment of unwanted odours, cooking is not permitted in any of the residence buildings. Electric stoves are strictly prohibited as are exposed element heaters including grills. Acceptable appliances include microwaves, kettles, coffee makers and rice cookers. Due to the excessive power they draw, fridges cannot be larger than 5 cubic feet.

Musical Instruments: Residents may bring musical instruments (except drums) but are strongly encouraged to use the music practice room in Sorbara Hall. Residents may play acoustic instruments quietly in their rooms but must adhere to their housemates' requests to moderate volume. Lowering volume may also be necessary in the music room.

Departure: In order to reduce excessive noise during exam periods, students are expected to vacate residence within 48 hours after their final exams in both the fall and spring terms. Students are not permitted in residence outside these times without the express permission of their don or the office of the Dean of Students.

Dining Hall: The removal of food, dishes or cutlery from the Canada Room is prohibited, as is sneaking or attempting to sneak people into the dining hall without paying. Meal plans are compulsory for all residents without exception. The price of these plans assumes that a certain percentage of meals will be missed; consequently, no refunds are given for missed meals. Meal cards are non-transferable.

Residence Network: The use of the Residence Internet Network (ResNet) is governed by the SMC Residence Network Use Agreement and all residents are expected to abide by the terms of this agreement.

Unauthorized Entry/Access: Entering another student's room or disturbing her/his property without permission is prohibited; as is accessing areas of the College that are known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be off limits.

Building Security: Residents who lose their keys are required to replace them at a cost of \$20 per key. The duplication of keys is strictly prohibited, as is the lending of keys to non-residents. Residents are not permitted to prop open entrance doors and are responsible for ensuring that non-residents do not gain access to the residence by following them in.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all residence rooms and common areas. Students found with smoked cigarettes in their room or whose rooms are manifest with smoke will be treated as violators.

Fire Safety: Fire safety equipment exists for the protection of all residents and their lives are jeopardized whenever it is misused. Tampering with or neutralizing smoke/heat detectors, fire extinguishers, alarm bells, pull stations, automatic door closers, and all other fire safety equipment are criminal offences. Residents who cause false alarms that result in the arrival of the fire department will be held responsible for any associated charges. To reduce the risk of accidental fires, candles and incense are not permitted to be burned in residence rooms. All residents are expected to be familiar with basic fire safety procedures.

Proscribed Materials: Weapons, firearms, air powered guns, replica guns, fireworks, explosives of any kind, chemical oils, flammable or dangerous materials, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, accelerated drinking paraphernalia, candles, incense, or any offensive, hazardous or illegal substances are not permitted in residence and are subject to confiscation.

Theft & Vandalism: The theft or wilful defacement or destruction of college, university, public or personal property, will not be tolerated and may result in criminal prosecution.

Respect for College: Residents are required to respect the authority of the Dean of Students, the dons, and all other residence life staff, and to comply with their instructions and directives; this includes providing proper identification upon request. St. Mike's is delighted to accept students of all backgrounds and faith traditions; in like manner, students are expected to respect the unique Catholic heritage, identity, and mission of St. Michael's College.

Good Conduct: Residents are expected to conduct themselves in a mature fashion at all times. Inconsiderate behaviour, abusive, intimidating or disorderly conduct, lewd or unlawful acts, the encouraging of unlawful acts, threats of any kind, verbal abuse, physical violence, sexual harassment or sexual assault will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is defined as any unwanted emphasis on the sex or sexual orientation of another person, or any unwelcome pressure for sex or sexual activity. Sexual assault is any form of unwanted sexual activity that is forced upon another person without their consent

Harassment: St. Michael's believes strongly in the dignity of all people regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, citizenship, religion, creed, ethnic origin, age, politics, gender, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation. Any harassment stemming from prejudice against the above mentioned groups, or against any individual who is part of such a group, will not be tolerated. 'Harassment' is defined as engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known, or ought reasonably be known, to be unwelcome. This may include vexatious conduct which occurs on-line.

Drugs & Alcohol: The use or possession of illegal drugs by residents or their guests is strictly prohibited and subject to confiscation and criminal prosecution. Those who are present in an area where drug use is manifest may be treated as users. Residents under 19 years of age may not consume or be in possession of alcohol on SMC property. Residents who may legally consume alcohol are expected to do so in a safe and responsible manner. The consumption of alcohol in residence is governed by the SMC Residence Alcohol Code which is available on our web site.

Harmful Behaviour: Students who exhibit behaviours which are deemed potentially harmful to themselves or others may be required to meet with support services and/or have their emergency contact notified. Alternative housing arrangements may be necessary in cases where a student is deemed to require more support than our staff can provide.

Penalties: Residents who breach the rules of residence will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the 'SMC Code of Discipline' which is available on our website at www.utoronto.ca/stmikes.