



Community Statement

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The following items are prohibited in University of Detroit Mercy residential rooms:

- Air Conditioners
- Broilers
- Candles (with or without wicks)
- Coffee Pots without a timer and auto shutoff
- Crock Pots
- Deep fryer
- Electric blankets
- Electric frying pans
- Electric space heaters
- Extension cords longer than 6 feet (no more than 2 per room)
- Explosives/Firecrackers/Fireworks
- Electric Pressure Cooker
- Iron w/o automatic shutoff
- Gas Grills
- Gas Heaters
- George Foreman grills
- Griddles
- Halogen Lights/Lamps and Heating Lamps and Lava Lamps
- Heating coils
- Hookahs, Bongs, or other items that can be considered drug paraphernalia
- Hot Water Makers/Tea Kettles w/o Digital Timer and Temperature Gauge
- Heat fans, ceramic heaters, etc.
- Hot plates
- Open faced Grills (i.e. waffle irons, quesadilla makers, etc.)
- Mattresses
- Incense/Wax/ Potpourri burner and warmer
- Pets, other than fish (10 gallon aquarium or less)
- Rice Cookers
- Refrigerators larger than 5 cubic feet (only 1 refrigerator permitted per room)
- Sandwich makers
- Sun lamps
- Signs considered to be University, Government, or another's property
- Toasters and/or Toaster ovens
- Microwave more than 700 Watts
- Amplifiers, Subwoofers, and/or Stereos over 100watts (or otherwise deemed a nuisance to the community)
 - Sound should not be heard beyond the walls of the room.
- Weapons
- Waterbeds
- Lofts other than those authorized by the University of Detroit Mercy
- Four or more armed lamps
- All cooking items that use an open flame or heating element

-Extension Cords and Corded Surge Protectors cannot be plugged into each other (i.e. daisy chained). No more than 6 items can be plugged into 1 outlet.

-All electrical appliances must be UL-approved

-Curling Irons, Hair Straighteners, and other electronic hair devices with a heating element must remain unplugged when not in use.

-Items are not to be hung from any ceiling. Damage resulting from items attached to the ceiling may result in a damage charge being assessed.

-All university furniture must remain in the room. Relocation of any university issued furniture is in direct violation of Residence Life Policy and could result in a fine or fee to replace the missing furniture. Residence Life will not remove furniture from any room by request. Some rooms containing a single occupant may have furniture for double occupancy.

Additional items may be deemed a danger to the residential community as determined by the Director of Residence Life and will be updated and changes will be posted on the Residence Life website.



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Decorations:

You are encouraged to make your room more personal and homelike. However, we ask that you do not damage or permanently alter the room unit. Any permanent damage will result in damage assessments. The guidelines for decorating are as follows:

- Do not use double-sided tape, putty, duct tape, or any other substances that will leave a "gummy" residue on your door, walls or furniture. This includes drawer & shelf liners.
- For plaster & drywall services, use thumbtacks and small nails (no more than 10 per wall). For cinderblock walls, use painters blue masking tape or command strips. Nails and Screws are not permitted in any walls or doors (Wood, Cinderblock, Plaster)
- Mirrors, extra shelves, hooks, and other such items need to be removed at the end of the year. They are not considered room improvements and the resident/s will be charged at checkout.
- Do not line drawers or shelves with adhesive-backed paper.
- Window decorations/displays must be removable and without obscene language, etc. or an ORL staff member will request it be removed.
- Decorative lights must be URL approved.
- Items are not permitted to be hung from the ceiling, conduit, wiring, lights, or window blinds.
- Draping or hanging long lengths of paper and other materials are prohibited for fire safety.
- Items are not permitted to be on or attached to the ceiling.