

To: All Residents

From: Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Re: Reminders

## **About SRR**

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities initiates and implements disciplinary procedures in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. The office cultivates the educational development of students by promoting behavior that fosters a safe and civil environment through active community participation. SRR aims to facilitate student learning and development regarding community standards by balancing individual and community rights.

## **Policy Statement**

Students attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports the educational mission of the University. Integrity, respect for the others and property of others, and a commitment to academic and individual growth in a diverse population are values deemed important to being a part of this University community.

## **Hazing**

It is important to understand that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette does not condone hazing and defines it as any act that compromises the mental or physical health or safety of a person, embarrasses, frightens, or degrades a person or that destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership, in a group, organization or team. The expressed or implied consent of the victim is not a defense. Hazing in any form by any student is not an unbiased act; it is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

## **Keeping Students Safe**

The policies that are enforced in the University community are not meant to be punitive, but instead are in place to help us live the mission of our University and facilitate a community where respect of yourself, others, property, and honesty are lived. The policies listed below involve areas where, thus far this semester, we have seen an increase in risky behavior, where residents are putting themselves at danger or opening the community to risks. Please keep yourself safe and remember that the choices you make may also be putting others at risk. Let's all remind each other of the policies, why they exist, and that we need to be alert and watch out for each other. Thanks for taking the time to read over these reminders and helping to build a better community.

## **Entrance Doors to Residential Areas**

We sometimes say “we are our worst enemies”. What do we mean? We mean that when a student lets in a stranger into the residence halls, all residents are put at risk. What if that person is a thief, a rapist, or there to cause other problems? To assist in maintaining a safe and secure residential community, the doors to all residential living areas MUST remain locked 24 hours a day and emergency exits should only be used for emergency purposes. You are expected to meet guests and visitors at the outside doors and escort them in. Propping outside doors or allowing unauthorized access to the residence halls breaches the security of the buildings. You are responsible for your guests and for any strangers you let into the halls...do you really want to take on that kind of responsibility while putting others at risk?

## **Academic Dishonesty**

One of the frequent concerns in higher education is that of academic dishonesty. Integrity in academic work is a quality standard of every University. It is imperative that it is understood that cheating is improper and ethically wrong. Furthermore, it is not an option and it will not be tolerated. All scholars, even the ones who do not cheat themselves, are affected in a negative way by academic dishonesty. Additionally, it can have an effect on an institution’s reputation, one of the most significant properties of any University. An institution overwhelmed by dishonesty can develop into a less attractive institution to potential students and potential employers. It is a most serious violation that truly violates our Code of Student Conduct. To better understand the seriousness and the consequences of this violation, you are encouraged to visit <http://studentrights.louisiana.edu/student-conduct/academic-conduct-dishonesty> and get to



## **Alcohol Policy**

The University does not allow alcohol on campus, except under specific guidelines when approved by the President or his designee. We respect people's freedom and their ability to act responsibly but when people violate University policy by drinking, drink themselves to dangerous levels of intoxication, or make poor choices due to inebriation, we all have a problem. This semester students have been reported because of their level of intoxication. If you choose to drink alcohol away from campus, we expect you to follow Louisiana state law and the policies related to alcohol that are in the Code of Student Conduct. We expect you to drink responsibly and to behave appropriately. For the most part, students are doing this and we applaud your efforts. Please be aware of the alcohol policy and follow its guidelines. To view the alcohol policy visit <http://policies.louisiana.edu/node/123>

## **Smoking**


We are a tobacco-free/smoke-free campus and strongly discourage the use any tobacco products on our campus. Tobacco use can be a safety hazard for our community. If you choose to use tobacco products, we ask that you do so away from University property or University related property. We applaud RHA's marketing efforts at educating students on this matter and hope you can join them as they try to educate and alleviate this problem.

## **Responsibility**

You are responsible for your room or apartment and your guest. Regardless of your presence, you are responsible for all activities that occur there if you have knowledge of others' activities or fail to take proper actions to stop any activity. You also are responsible for your actions, the physical environment of the building, and the community as a whole. If you are aware of, or in the presence of a violation of University policy, and remain in the presence of, or fail to take reasonable actions to stop the violation, you are giving your implied consent to this violation, and could be held responsible.

## **Drugs**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette students are given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others, and to the community. Behavior that violates this value includes use, possession, attempt to possess, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs and other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law and the University's Drug Policy. Your responsibility to the integrity of the University holds true whether on or off campus.

It is your responsibility to . You are encouraged to review all policies and procedures in the Code of Student Conduct. You can access the Code of Student Conduct online at <http://studentrights.louisiana.edu/student-conduct/code-conduct> and follow the download link.

We wish you success this semester and throughout your UL experience.

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