

# BYU-Idaho Apartment Living Standards

These BYU-Idaho Apartment Living Standards are in place to preserve the integrity of the Honor Code and secure the safety and well-being of each student.

The tenant agrees to live the Honor Code, and the landlord agrees to exercise reasonable effort to teach and encourage tenants to embrace the principles in the “For the Strength of Youth” pamphlet, the BYU-Idaho mission, and the BYU-Idaho Student Housing mission.

The following living standards have been established to safeguard and protect the spiritual and physical well-being of the apartment home for all students, the facilities in which they live, and to encourage raising the personal bar of righteousness.

## Drugs and Alcohol

Drug paraphernalia is illegal and should be referred to the police. Alcohol containers are not appropriate and should be removed from the room by the resident. Residents using alcohol or drugs must also be referred to the Student Honor Office.

## Firearms

Firearms, knives, ammunitions, explosives, or any devices which intended use is capable of inflicting injury or damaging property, including but not limited to martial arts weapons, BB guns, slingshots, pellet guns, paint-ball guns, wrist rockets, swords, hunting knives & bows, are prohibited in on- or off-campus apartments. Facsimiles of firearms or dangerous and destructive weapons are also prohibited. It is recommended that they be left home unless arrangements are available for approved storage in a gun safe. On- and off-campus approved housing complex owners and managers may assume the responsibility of storing any weapons, firearms, or ammunition on the premises only if these items are kept under lock and key in a gun safe outside of student apartments. Any questions regarding this policy may be directed to the housing director.

## Guests

Because overnight guests often cause interruption and inconvenience to others, all such guests should be cleared with the apartment manager and agreed upon by the roommates. No overnight guests of the opposite sex are permitted at any time.

The tenant shall be responsible for any damage, beyond reasonable wear and tear, to the property by the tenant, members of the tenant’s family, or guests of the tenant.

## Hours

Students should be in their own apartment by **midnight** Saturday through Thursday nights, and **1 a.m.** on Fridays. When attending university functions that end later than established curfew hours, such as plays and concerts, students should be in within 30 minutes after the event is over. Curfew during test week, including Reading Day, will be at midnight.

## Literature, Books, Magazines, Posters, and Pictures

All such material must be within the standards of good taste and decency as suggested in the “For the Strength of Youth” pamphlet, and in keeping with a high standard of personal righteousness.

## Pets

No pets of any kind are allowed in approved housing.

## Prohibitions

Dart boards, Ouija boards, fireworks of any kind, illicit drugs, alcohol, gambling, open flames (or the use of matches, candles, incense, etc.), pets or animals, and vulgarity or any rude and unusual disturbance are not consistent with BYU-Idaho standards.

## Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours are from 10 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday and all day on Sunday. Quiet hours are designed to help students have adequate time for proper study and sleep. Each resident is expected to refrain from disturbing activities such as loud conversation and laughter or loud playing of music. Residents do not have the right at any time to be so excessively loud that it is an unfair disturbance to other residents.

## Reporting of Standards and Safety Violations

For the well-being, safety, and security of everyone, each student and manager has assumed the obligation to "...Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code" (see "Student Honor Office" tab). This list includes referral to the Student Honor Office for: unchaste conduct, Word of Wisdom violations, disobeying the law, disruptive behavior, etc.

## Television, Video Tapes, Music, Posters, Computer Internet & Other Media

In keeping with the ideals of BYU-Idaho and the spirit of the Honor Code, "R," "NC-17" and "X" rated viewing is not allowed. In addition, Internet access, music, television, or *any form of entertainment, including inappropriate or suggestive concerts, movies, and videocassettes, which are vulgar, immoral, inappropriate, suggestive, or pornographic in any way*, no matter what the rating, violates the spirit of the Honor Code and is not acceptable (see "For the Strength of Youth" pamphlet, page 11). Off-campus apartment units which provide Internet access and/or cable or satellite, television service to their tenants, are expected as a condition of their BYU-Idaho approval to exercise their option as subscribers to provide a filtered Internet service and not provide any channels or services which bring "R" "NC-17", or "X" rated viewing into the homes of BYU-Idaho students. Most premium movie channels are considered inappropriate. Those that often come with basic service and must be filtered out, currently include MTV and VH-1. Special events, such as major sports contests, which do not violate the Honor Code, may be procured through pay-per-view channels after the cable or satellite distributor clears that event with the Student Honor Office.

The expectation for students who subscribe to cable or Internet service on their own is the same. Students are expected to use filtered Internet service and to refrain from subscribing to or viewing any media which compromises their commitment to the BYU-Idaho Honor Code.

## Visitation Guidelines (By the Opposite Sex)

Men and women may visit in apartments of the opposite sex beginning at noon. All must leave in time to arrive at their own apartment by curfew. Visitors need to be in compliance with the following guidelines:

- A. There should always be at least three people in an apartment being visited by a member of the opposite sex.
- B. Drapes must be left open during the visit.
- C. Visitors of the opposite sex are not allowed in bedrooms at any time.
- D. Visitors must have the approval of the roommates before being allowed in the apartment.