

St. Michael's College Rules of Residence 2006-2007

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 residents. They must also be willing to abide by certain standards of behaviour and respect those charged with enforcing them. In the tradition of Catholic higher education, the St. Mike's residence is organized to help students achieve their academic goals in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment. St. Mike's has been housing students for over 150 years and in that time we've found the following rules to be integral to the smooth functioning of our residence communities.

1. Noise: To succeed academically, the ability to sleep and study in one's room is essential. In this regard, residents are expected to respect quiet hours after midnight every night, as well as any quiet hours that have been established in one's own house. Radios, television and stereo equipment are permitted so long as they do not disturb the peace of others. All sound should be contained within the walls of one's own room. Residents should also moderate their voices when in public areas late at night (e.g. hallways, the quad, etc.).

2. 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.

3. Overnight Guests: In order to prevent freeloading and reduce late night noise and disruptions, St. Mike's has policies about overnight guests. Although the St. Mike's Residence accommodates both male and female students, all individual residence houses remain single sex. This system provides our residents with comfort and privacy when using washroom facilities 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 both their don and their roommate. No guests are permitted to sleep in the common rooms.

4. 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 all 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 heritage, identity and mission of St. Michael's College as the Catholic College within the U of T.

5. 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, and physical violence will not be tolerated.

6. Harassment: St. Michael's College believes strongly in the dignity of all people regardless of race, 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, is contrary to the values of St Michael's College and will not be tolerated. 'Harassment' is defined as engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwelcome and intimidating.

7. Eligibility: Only full-time U of T students in good academic standing are eligible to live in residence. In addition, students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

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

10. **Theft:** Residents found in possession of stolen property, or who are involved in theft of any kind, face expulsion and possible criminal charges.
11. **Residence Room:** Residence rooms come fully equipped with furniture which must be used as intended and accounted for at year's end. Missing items, as well as any damage to the room, its contents, or to any other College property, will be assessed by the Dean of Students and charged to the resident responsible. Damage in double rooms will be charged to both occupants unless one takes responsibility. Residents are not permitted to display or affix anything on the exterior of the residence buildings, or to throw or let fall any object or matter from a residence window or rooftop.
12. **Pets:** No pets of any kind are permitted in residence.
13. **Fire Safety:** Fire safety equipment exists for the protection of 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 fines. 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.
14. **Proscribed Materials:** Weapons, firearms, fireworks, explosives of any kind, chemical oils, flammable or dangerous materials, or any other offensive, hazardous or illegal substances are not permitted in residence and are subject to confiscation.
15. **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.
16. **Cleanliness:** Residents are expected to keep their rooms in reasonable order, as well as their common rooms and washrooms clean and free of litter. Residents, not janitorial staff, are responsible for cleaning up after house functions. Residents will be charged for labour costs when extra cleaning is required.
17. **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.
18. **Musical Instruments:** Residents may bring their musical instruments (except drums) but are encouraged to use the music practice rooms in Elmsley or Sorbara Hall. Residents may play acoustic instruments quietly in their rooms but must adhere to their fellow residents' requests to moderate volume.
19. **Departure:** In order to reduce excessive noise during exam periods, students are expected to vacate residence within 24 hours of 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 Dean of Students.
20. **Keys:** 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. For the safety of our students and their possessions, entrance doors are not permitted to be propped open.
21. **Canada Room:** The removal of food, dishes or cutlery from the Canada Room is strictly 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.
22. **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.
- 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.