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RESIDENT HANDBOOK

Guide to Rights and Responsibilities



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OVERVIEW OF THE HANDBOOK: RESIDENT GUIDE FOR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

University life is more than academics. It's about having new experiences; it's about discovering new educational and social opportunities, and it's about stepping out on your own as an adult. It's as much about the way you live as the classes you take. Living on campus will help you make the most of your Mines experience. As a part of the Division of Student Life, the Department of Residence Life plays an integral role in our students' education and development. We support the Colorado School of Mines mission by providing services, policies, and programs that enhance academic and social experiences in a safe, friendly, and challenging residential community. We feel that campus living combines the essential elements for a successful college experience.

All residents are stewards of our residential communities and are encouraged to take responsibility for their success. There's a growing sense of shared community in our residential communities, a sense of living, learning, respect for each other, and commitment to the community. This guide documents all policies and expectations for residents and guests in our communities. Additionally, it outlines our process for addressing conduct that has reportedly violated these policies and expectations.

Students at Colorado School of Mines are expected to be familiar with the Residence Life Community Standards and Policies as well as the Student Code of Conduct and the Academic Integrity Policy, available at https://www.mines.edu/policy-library/mines-student-code-of-conduct/.

Residence Life Mission

We believe living on campus fosters student learning, development, and personal growth. We show dedication to our students by creating experiences and physical spaces that recognize the unique challenges and opportunities of being an Oredigger at Colorado School of Mines. We are committed to providing intentional learning by facilitating a safe, inclusive, and academically focused environment. We challenge and encourage students to be critical thinkers and civically-engaged leaders in a diverse global community.

Residence Life Pillars

These Pillars of Community sustain and uphold the mission and vision of Residence Life. As members of our community, we experience life at Mines as a place where all are empowered to learn and grow. We are committed to honoring each other's identities and experiences. We value relationships by striving to see each other's point of view, and even through conflict, we learn from one another.

We show our commitment to our community by working to uphold these pillars:

- Inclusion
- Respect
- Community
- Learning
- Responsibility

Terms Used

Apartments: Defined as apartments at 1750 Jackson Street and the Village at Mines Park (both single and family housing).

Case Resolution Manager: A full-time professional Residence Life Staff Member (e.g., Residence Life Coordinator, Assistant Director of Residence Life, etc.)
First-year students: All first-time undergraduate students at Mines.
Full-time status: For the purpose of this policy and the residence hall contract, full-time status is 12 or more credit hours per semester (undergraduate) and 9 or more credit hours per semester (graduate).
Residence Halls: Defined as Morgan, Thomas, Bradford, Randall, Spruce, Maple, Elm, and Weaver Towers, and Mines-Owned Greek Houses (Alpha Phi, FIJI, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Kappa)
Residential Community: Inclusive of both residence halls and apartment housing.

RESIDENCE LIFE CONDUCT PROCESS

Residence Life Conduct Mission

The Residence Life conduct process is intended to be an educational and restorative experience fostering student growth and development through intentional conversation and reflection. Students will work to understand the impact of their actions, and when possible, reduce or repair harm through educational outcomes. Staff will treat students with care and respect through equitable procedures, while balancing Residence Life and University missions.

Resident Rights and Responsibilities

All residents have the right to:

- Feel safe and secure
- Be their authentic selves
- A reasonably peaceful and quiet living and learning environment
- Mutually agreed upon privacy and equitable access in their assigned living space
- Respectfully address another community member's behavior when it infringes upon their rights
- Equitable access to activities, events, and programs

All residents have the responsibility to:

- Respect the rights and dignity of others
- Know and follow all Student Code of Conduct policies and other Mines policies
- Comply with requests made by Residence Life staff and other Institutional Officials who are acting in the performance of their duties
- Contribute positively to the community through individual choices, actions, and participation
- Report violations of Community Standards, Residence Life Policies, or Institutional Policies to appropriate staff

Conduct Process Overview

If Residence Life staff witness or receive a report that a resident may have violated Residence Life Community Standards and Policies or the Student Code of Conduct (while in a residential community), they will utilize the following process:

1. Staff member(s) (e.g., a Resident Advisor, Residence Life Coordinator, Mines Police Officer) will respond and address any behavior that poses an immediate safety risk or disruption to the community. They will also document what they observed during their response and take note of all individuals present.
2. Within fifteen business days, a Case Resolution Manager (a professional staff member in Residence Life or the Office of Community Standards) will review the documentation provided by the responding staff.
3. Based on the content of the documentation, the Case Resolution Manager may decide to meet with the student to discuss the incident and get to know you better.
    a. The Case Resolution Manager will schedule a meeting for a time that does not appear to conflict with the student's class schedule and send an invitation to their Mines student email account.
    b. The invitation will include the date, time, and location of the meeting. It will also include a list of all potential policies that may have been violated.
4. At the meeting with the Case Resolution Manager, the student will have the opportunity to review any documentation associated with the incident (except any material that is deemed to be private information of other involved individuals), and the student will have the opportunity to share their experience from the incident. You have the following rights:

    a. Students have the option to bring an advisor or support person to the meeting. Sometimes this person is a lawyer, a friend, a parent, translator, or other support individual. However, that support person is not allowed to speak on behalf or go to the meeting without the student. If the student would like to bring this person with them, it is their responsibility to notify the Case Resolution Manager at least one business day in advance. If the support person becomes disruptive during the meeting, the Case Resolution Manager can ask them to leave.
    b. Students can present additional evidence to support your perspective of the incident. If they have witnesses or other evidence, please alert the Case Resolution Manager at least one business day in advance of the meeting.
    c. Students may request reasonable accommodations through the Case Resolution Manager by emailing or calling them directly in advance. Their contact information will be in your meeting invite.
    d. It is the student's decision whether to attend. If the student does not attend, the Case Resolution Manager will determine whether the student is responsible for the policy violation(s) and any outcome(s) without your input based on the information available.
5. After the meeting, the Case Resolution Manager may also meet with other involved individuals (if applicable) before determining whether a student is responsible for the policy violation(s). Their decision will be based on the documentation provided by staff, the conversation(s) they have had with the student, and any additional individuals involved in or impacted by the incident.
    a. Official notification of findings will be sent to you through an Outcome Letter sent to the student's Mines student email account.
6. If found responsible for violating a policy, the Case Resolution Manager may assign sanction(s). Sanctions are intended to support learning and development as the student moves past the incident in their continued journey at Mines and beyond.
    a. Notification of sanctions (if any) will be included in the Outcome Letter.

Please note, this overview provides a general description of the response and procedures students can expect if documented for violating a policy. However, the timeline or process may deviate based on need and circumstance as determined by the Case Resolution Manager. If a student has questions or concerns about this process, please ask in advance or during the meeting with the Case Resolution Manager.

Conduct Outcomes and Definitions

The Department of Residence Life believes that each policy violation is unique, and the Department does not prescribe a specific set of sanctions for set violations. Sanctions are based upon what would be the most educational for the individual(s) who violated policy. As a result, any combination of the following educational sanctions may be imposed upon any student found to have violated the Residence Life Handbook – this is not an exhaustive list:

- Warning – A written notice to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional policies
- Educational Sanction – Educational sanction that is assigned based upon a specific policy violation (i.e., reflection essay, written apology to community, etc.).
- Probation – A written reprimand stating that the student is no-longer in good standing as a result of violating specified policies. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions – such as removal from current housing situation – if the student is found to violate any institutional policies during the probationary period.
- Loss of Privileges – Denial of specified privileges within the residential community for a designated period (e.g., limited kitchen/social space usage).

- Restitution – Compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.
- Residential Community Relocation – Relocation of the student from a specific space in a residential community or from the residential community in general.
- Residential Community Suspension – Separation of the student from the residential communities for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.
- Residential Community Expulsion – Permanent separation of the student from residential communities.

Appeal Process

You have the right to appeal the Case Resolution Manager's decision based on the criteria outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Instructions on how to appeal are provided in the Outcome Letter a student receives from the Case Resolution Manager. In a written appeal must directly address your justification for appeal using the criteria in the Student Code of Conduct referenced above.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND POLICIES

Introduction to Community Standards and Policies

Residence Life Community Standards and Policies describe the behavior expectations for all community members and visitors to Mines housing areas (e.g., residence halls, apartments, and University owned Greek houses). The intent of these expectations is to support the mission of Residence Life to create a community that supports the unique needs of Mines students, and all members feel valued, welcome, and safe.

A1.0 Alcohol

The Department of Residence Life takes seriously the illegal use and abuse of alcohol. This includes alcohol use by individuals either under the legal age or in an inappropriate manner as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. As an educational institution, we place a great deal of responsibility on students who are of legal age to make responsible decisions about alcohol consumption. College students also have a great deal of independence; however, with independence comes responsibility.

The responsible student will:

- Know, understand, and conform to federal, state, and local laws and adhere to Mines policies regarding alcohol.
- Make informed decisions about alcohol consumption.
- Assume accountability for one's behavior and accept the consequences for all actions.
- Assume accountability for one's guests and accept the consequences for all actions.
- Not make alcohol the focus in their activities. Consuming alcohol just to consume or get intoxicated is not responsible use.
- Not pressure other students to consume alcohol, whether directly or indirectly.
- Not pressure other students to engage in sexual activity when either or both of them have consumed alcohol.
- Not behave in a way that is disruptive or otherwise harmful to self or others including times when this behavior involves alcohol consumption.
- Show care and concern for students who use alcohol in a manner damaging to themselves or the community, and refer students to the Department of Residence Life, Student Life Office, Counseling Service, or any faculty or staff member for additional assistance.

Policies Regarding Alcohol

A1.1 Alcohol is prohibited in the residence halls and 1750 Jackson Street Apartments regardless of the age of the person in possession.

A1.2 The possession of alcoholic beverage containers, either full or empty, may be taken as a presumption of use and possession, and as such may be considered policy violations.

A1.3 Students may be held accountable for policy violations even if they do not have actual possession of or are actively consuming alcohol when they are present at alcohol-related events or commit other policy violations while intoxicated.

A1.4 Alcohol use in the Village at Mines Park Apartments is acceptable only for persons aged 21 and over. All roommates and guests must be 21 years of age or older to possess and consume alcohol in apartment communal areas (e.g., living room and kitchen). If at least one roommate or guest is not 21 years of age, then those residents who are 21 years of age or older must keep their alcohol in their respective private living quarters (e.g., bedroom). Alcohol

cannot be consumed in the presence of visitors or guests under the age of 21 (even in private living quarters).

A1.5 Residents of the Village at Mines Park are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol in community spaces (e.g., Community Center 1-2 and outdoor areas) without prior approval by the Dean of Students Office.

Examples of behaviors that can be interpreted as violations of the Alcohol and Drug policies (please note this is not an exhaustive list. Residents are encouraged to reach out to a Residence Life staff member for guidance):

- Underage consumption and/or intoxication are prohibited in and around the residence halls and the Village at Mines Park Apartments.
- Being in a room or apartment where alcohol is being consumed even if the underage student is not consuming it themselves.
- Possession of drug and alcohol paraphernalia in the residence halls.
    - Alcohol paraphernalia includes but is not limited to: empty containers, shot glasses, and wine glasses. These items are permitted in the Village at Mines Park if they belong to a resident who is of legal drinking age unless there is evidence of excessive, flagrant alcohol usage.
    - Drug paraphernalia includes but is not limited to: any item used to smoke or inject drugs not prescribed to the individual into the body. These items do not have to contain illegal drugs to be considered paraphernalia.
- Hosting individuals in a room or apartment where alcohol is present.
- Providing alcoholic beverages or other drugs to individuals that are under the legal age.
- Possession, production, or actively seeking to obtain a fictitious or fraudulent form of identification.
- Possession of a keg, common source, or large quantities of an alcoholic beverage regardless of age.
- Misuse or unauthorized distribution or possession of prescription medication.
- Disruptive behavior because of the consumption of alcohol or other drugs. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, persons who are abusive, disorderly, destructive, combative, unable to control their bodily functions, or a person's actions that result in the destruction of property belonging to another student, Mines, the City of Golden or other public space, or privately-owned property.
- Disorderly conduct including but not limited to: failure to comply with University or law enforcement official (e.g., refusal to open a room door, refusal to produce identification, giving false or misleading information, or failing to complete a disciplinary sanction), arrest for public intoxication, acute, emergency medical care.
- Public intoxication (e.g., staggering, slurring of words, vomiting, unable to control bodily functions, etc.).
- Permitting others (students or guests) to use assigned living quarters to consume alcohol in violation of the alcohol policy.
- Vandalism or damage done to property or other people by an intoxicated student.
- Harassment or abuse of other students or college authorities in combination with evidence of alcohol use.

**Mines staff members can seek medical or police assistance when engaging with any incident where alcohol or other drugs may be associated. Mines is not responsible for any accrued financial costs such as emergency room care, EMT care, detox facility costs, criminal fines, or legal fees.

B1.0 Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to exhibit behavior within the community that supports the health and wellness of all community members. Behavior or any activity that disrupts, endangers, or interferes with the educational environment of the residence hall community detracts from that mission. Residence Life staff have discretion to determine what constitutes inappropriate behavior.

B2.0 Bikes

Students may store their bikes in their apartments or rooms as long as they are not dirty, do not cause a fire hazard, and do not inconvenience other residents. Hanging bikes from the ceiling or fire sprinkler pipes is prohibited. The only proper place to store a bike is a bike rack, assigned locker, or bedroom. Do not lock bikes to trees, signs, stair-rails, etc. Bike racks and a limited number of lockers are available for storage.

It is a resident's responsibility to register their bike(s) through Mines Police.

C2.0 Candles

The possession or burning of incense, candles, or any similar item (e.g., candle warmer) poses a significant fire hazard and is prohibited in the residence halls and apartments.

C3.0 Cleanliness

Personal hygiene and cleanliness are very important in a close community environment. Residents are responsible for maintaining personal hygiene practices (e.g., regular hand washing, showering) and keeping their room/suite/apartment clean. Residents will also be responsible for bringing their own cleaning tools and supplies.

C3.1 In Elm, Spruce, Traditional halls, Maple Hall, and Weaver Towers, cleaning schedules for the bathrooms will be posted. All cleaning schedules are determined at the discretion of Facilities Management. Residents are expected to adhere to any guidelines regarding bathroom use. No personal items should be left in community bathrooms to allow staff sufficient access to clean and maintain the facilities.

C3.2 In 1750 Jackson Street and the Village at Mines Park students are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the bathroom(s) in their apartment.

C3.3 Residents are expected to clean any mess made in common areas immediately and thoroughly.

The following cleaning products are recommended for all residents to bring with them:

- Disinfecting spray/wipes (non-bleach)
- Paper towels
- Hand Soap
- Scrub brush
- Sponges
- Microfiber rags
- Latex/nitrile/vinyl gloves

C4.0 Credit Hours

Only currently enrolled, full-time students are permitted to reside in housing, except for special arrangements which must be made through the Executive Director of Residence Life and Auxiliary Services.

C4.1 Residence halls: Students must maintain a minimum enrollment of 12 credit hours.

C4.2 Apartments: Students must maintain a minimum enrollment of 9 credit hours for undergraduate students or 4 credit hours for graduate students.

C5.0 Common Areas

Residents will have access to all common lounges, lobbies, kitchens, and study spaces in their assigned residence hall or apartments unless otherwise posted.

To protect the safety of all community members, Residence Life reserves the right to close any common space-including kitchens-if cleanliness and/or community expectations are not upheld.

C5.1 Laundry facilities are available for resident use. As there are limited laundry facilities, please remove clothing from the washers and dryers promptly so that others may use the machines. Items left in the laundry room for more than a week will be collected and donated.

C5.2 Personal items including bikes, plants, boxes, trash, shelves, etc. cannot be stored in common areas including stairwells, hallways, patio, breezeways, and balconies.

C5.3 Common furniture must remain in designated spaces (e.g., lounge, kitchens, study rooms, etc.) at all times and should be returned to original placements if moved during use.

D1.0 Decorations

Residents are encouraged to personalize their assigned space. All decorations should be hung on interior walls in student rooms in a manner that causes minimal damage. Please observe the following guidelines regarding decorations:

D1.1 The Department of Residence Life recommends blue painter's tape in Weaver Towers, the Traditional Halls, and the Village at Mines Park Apartments and small tacks in Maple Hall, Spruce Hall, 1750 Jackson Street, and Elm Hall.

D1.2 Duct tape, stickers, nails, 3M Command strips, Scotch tape, LED strip lights, and other materials will damage the walls or doors and are prohibited in all areas.

D1.3 Materials posted in students' room must be made with roommate(s) consent.

D1.4 Materials posted in students' rooms cannot be affixed to either side of the window due to fire and safety concerns and potential for damage to the window.

D1.5 Materials posted on walls cannot be placed closer than 18 inches from the ceiling or fire suppression devices (e.g., sprinkler head, smoke detector) due to fire and safety concerns.

D1.6 All student room doors, including bedroom, suite, and apartment, can be personalized with decorations provided they do not exceed 30% of the total surface of the door and items are affixed to the door with blue painter's tape. String and strip lights cannot be attached on or across doors as they can impede egress in an emergency. Additionally, all items affixed to the door must not damage (e.g., stickers), or impede the door's operation. This includes door stops.

D1.7 Exterior door decorations are permitted. However, since they are in community space, they must support an educational environment to all residents and must be agreed upon by all

room or unit residents. The Department of Residence Life holds final discretion whether decorations are disruptive and comply with this policy.

D1.8 Common area decorations (e.g., decorations posted beyond student doors in hallways, lobbies, and lounges) require permission from Residence Life staff as a component of an organized program. At the conclusion of the program, all hallway decorations must be removed within 24 hours.

D2.0 Drugs

As stated in the Student Code of Conduct, the unauthorized sale, use, manufacture, distribution, or possession of any controlled substance, federally illegal drugs (including marijuana and psychedelics even if legal to possess in the state of Colorado), or drug paraphernalia of any nature is expressly prohibited in the buildings or grounds of Colorado School of Mines.

Pursuant to the Colorado School of Mines Illegal Drugs Policy, the use and storage of medical marijuana is prohibited on campus regardless of whether the user possesses a Medical Marijuana Registry identification.

E1.0 Electric Scooters, Bikes, and "Hoverboards"

Due to the fire hazard posed by large lithium batteries, the use, possession, or storage of Hoverboards, Segways, IO Hawks, Skywalkers, ebikes, Onewheels, and similar devices, are prohibited.

E2.0 Electrical Appliances- Residence Halls

Residents are responsible for ensuring that appliances stored and used in their spaces function properly and meet fire safety standards outlined in this policy. Residence Life has discretion to evaluate whether the use or storage of an appliance is safe and permitted in the community.

E2.1 Small electrical appliances that are Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-approved are permitted in the residence halls. Examples include radios, stereos, clocks, desk lamps, TVs, gaming systems, personal grooming items (e.g., curling irons with automatic shutoffs, hair dryers, etc.), rice cookers (5 cup max), hot-air popcorn poppers, fans, tea pots (32 oz/1 liter max), coffee makers (4 cup, 700w. max with automatic shut-off), compact microwaves (900 w. max), compact refrigerators (3.2 cubic ft max), and personal computers.

E2.2 Cooking in student rooms is limited to approved appliances only. See E2.1 above.

E2.3 The following appliances are not permitted to be stored or used in student rooms:

- All open heating element devices, including but not limited to toasters, camp stoves, range-top burners, space heaters, heat lamps, soldering irons, hot plates, warming devices, toaster ovens, air fryers, and personal grills (e.g., panini maker, table-top grills, etc.).
- Any lamp or appliance that uses halogen lights of any kind.

E2.4 3D printers are not permitted in student bedrooms, suites, or units. There are several labs around campus that students can use for all printing needs.

E2.5 Wireless printers are not permitted in the residence halls; please bring wired printers only. Printers are also available for student use in all residence halls and various locations throughout campus.

E3.0 Electrical Appliances- Apartments

Residents are responsible for ensuring that appliances stored and used in their apartment function properly and meet fire safety standards outlined in this policy. Residence Life has discretion to evaluate whether the use or storage of an appliance is safe and permitted in the community.

E3.1 Apartment residents may utilize Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved small countertop cooking appliances (e.g., toaster, toaster oven, personal grills) in their kitchen spaces. Additional appliances also allowed include radios, stereos, clocks, desk lamps, TVs, gaming systems, small personal grooming items (e.g., curling irons with automatic shutoffs, hair dryers, etc.), and personal computers.

E3.2 Larger appliances (e.g., portable dishwashers, washers, and dryers) are not permitted.

E3.3 The following appliances/devices are not permitted to be stored or used in apartments:

- All open heating element devices (except for those allowed in E3.1), including but not limited to space heaters, heat lamps, soldering irons, etc.
- Any lamp or appliance that uses halogen lights of any kind.
- Personal grills or smokers (e.g., natural gas, pellet, or charcoal).

E3.4 3D printers are not permitted in apartments. There are several labs around campus that students can use for all printing needs.

E3.5 Residents of units in the 1900s are not permitted to utilize any appliance or device (e.g., fan, air conditioning unit, etc.) to direct or force interior air outside. Fans can be used to circulate air internally or draw air in from the outside. Using an appliance to force internal air out of the apartment can create hazardous carbon monoxide levels that pose an imminent risk to the health and safety of occupants.

F1.0 Face Coverings

To reduce community spread of infectious diseases, regardless of vaccination status, residents may decide to wear a face covering when outside of bedrooms/suites/apartments of the residence halls/apartments. To receive maximum benefit, face coverings should be worn properly, completely cover the nose and mouth, and be free from holes.

Residents who share a suite or common living space (e.g., Maple Hall, Weaver Towers, 1750 Jackson Street, and Village at Mines Park) should discuss and agree upon expectations of using face coverings in these spaces.

F2.0 Fitness Centers in Residential Communities

Several residential communities have fitness centers available for residents to use. Residents using these facilities must follow all posted expectations and hours of operation.

F2.1 The fitness center located at 1750 Jackson Street Apartments can only be used by residents of that community. Prior to using the facility, residents must review the WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT in its entirety (Appendix A). Use of the facility constitutes consent to the terms of the waiver. If a resident is under the age of 18, they must request a copy of the waiver at the 1750 Jackson Street Apartment desk and have a parent or guardian provide consent prior to using the facility.

F2.2 The fitness room located in Randall Hall can only be used by residents of the Traditional Halls community. Prior to using the facility, residents must review the WAIVER OF LIABILITY,

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT in its entirety (Appendix A). Use of the facility constitutes consent to the terms of the waiver. If a resident is under the age of 18, they must request a copy of the waiver at the desk and have a parent or guardian provide consent prior to using the facility.

F2.3 The fitness room located in Building 5 in the Village of Mines Park can only be used by residents of the Village at Mines Park community who are either currently enrolled Mines students or resident family members at least 18 years old. Resident family members under the age of 18 are not permitted in the fitness center. Prior to using the facility, residents must review the WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT in its entirety (Appendix A). Use of the facility constitutes consent to the terms of the waiver. If a resident, who is also an enrolled Mines student, is under the age of 18, they must request a copy of the waiver at the desk and have a parent or guardian provide consent prior to using the facility.

F3.0 Fire Alarms and Life Safety

All residential communities have designated locations to gather in the event of a fire alarm. The Resident Advisor will share this location at your first community meeting in the fall. Please reach out to a Residence Life staff member with any questions regarding the location or emergency procedures.

F3.1 Fire Alarms. All residents are expected to treat fire alarms as an emergency and evacuate the building as quickly and safely as possible. When evacuating, if safe to do so, shut all doors behind you when exiting.

F3.2 Fire Drills. The Department of Residence Life will conduct routine fire drills to help residents prepare for the unlikely event of a fire. Residents are expected to treat all alarms as an emergency and evacuate the building as quickly and safely as possible.

F3.3 Fire Equipment. Tampering with fire alarms and firefighting equipment is prohibited due to the possibility of hindering response in a fire drill or actual fire. Setting off false fire alarms, using/tampering with fire equipment without authorization, failure to vacate a building during a fire alarm, setting fires, or using fireworks could result in prosecution in addition to conduct action. Due to the severe hazard posed by these behaviors, action may include dismissal from Mines.

F4.0 Flammable Substances

Flammable liquids, flammable vapors, and other dangerous substances, as well as any containers holding (storing) such substances, constitute a serious danger and are prohibited in the residence halls and apartments. Reasonable provision will be made for aerosol hairsprays, deodorants, and such, but these are potentially hazardous and should not be stored in residential communities in large quantities.

H2.0 Health and Safety Inspection and Entry

Mines is committed to respecting the student’s right to privacy. However, Mines also reserves the right to enter rooms to perform required maintenance, determine the condition of Mines property, investigate a reasonable suspicion of a violation of Mines rules and policies, and maintain the health and safety of all students.

H2.1 Throughout the year, including vacation periods, Mines reserves the right to clean, check, and repair residential community rooms. Whenever possible, Mines will notify the student in advance of maintenance work and shall exercise all reasonable care with personal

belongings of the student. Mines will not be responsible for loss or theft of any personal belongings in student rooms.

H2.2 Health and Safety Inspections will be conducted by the Office of Residence Life at least twice a year in the residence halls and apartments. These inspections will be announced at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of inspection. Mines reserves the right to remove any object or material from a student room that violates a Mines policy.

H2.3 If a student fails a health and safety inspection, the student must correct the issue within 48 hours and continuously maintain compliance moving forward.

K1.0 Keys and Locks

Supporting the security of the housing community is the responsibility of all residents through proper use and possession of all issued keys and BlasterCards.

K1.1 As stated in the Student Code of Conduct Unauthorized Use/Misuse policy, Mines keys and electronic access devices (e.g., BlasterCards) are non-transferable and cannot be loaned or duplicated in any way.

K1.2 Keys are issued when you check in at the beginning of the contract and must be returned at check out. The Colorado School of Mines disclaims any responsibility for lost or stolen student property.

K1.3 Please respect the rights and property of with other community members. Tampering or removing locks, doors, software, or hardware related to such is strictly prohibited.

K1.4 If a key is temporarily misplaced (e.g., locked in a room), residents will need to contact the student staff or front desk for lockout assistance.

K1.5 Elm Hall, Spruce Hall, Maple Hall, Weaver Towers, Traditional Halls, and 1750 Jackson Street are secured with BlasterCard Access. Please report any lost BlasterCard to the BlasterCard Office located in the Student Center.

K1. 6 If any key is lost or stolen, a new key must be obtained through Residence Life Staff. To maintain security, your lock must be changed. The Residence Life staff must be notified immediately. Locks will be changed, and new keys issued for each affected lock, including any affected roommate keys. The resident responsible for the lost keys will be assessed the full amount of the cost of lock change and key replacements to their student account.

N1.0 Noise

Residents are expected to be considerate of other community members who may be impacted by the noise they create.

N1.1 Quiet Hours are Sunday through Thursday from 9:00 PM until 7:00 AM the following day, and Friday and Saturday 11:00 PM until 11:00 AM. During the quiet hour period, TVs, stereos, voices, etc. must be inaudible in neighboring rooms and hallways. Furthermore, residents will refrain from loud and discourteous behavior in the hallways, stairwells, bathrooms, lounges, lobbies, and any common area in or around (outside) of residential communities.

N1.2 Courtesy hours are maintained 24/7. Excessive loud disturbing noise or behavior at any time during the day or night will not be tolerated. A “two-doors-away/outside your unit” policy is the guideline. Although the internal layout of Weaver Towers suites tends to yield more

"communal noise," the policy will still be enforced this way if any complaint is raised. Please be courteous and respect the needs of your fellow residents.

N1.3 During the last two weeks of each semester, all floors will observe 24-hour quiet hours. These hours will be posted, and violations of these quiet hours may result in conduct action.

P1.0 Personal Property

Mines is not responsible for, nor does it insure, the student's personal property. It is advisable that students obtain separate insurance at their own expense to protect against such losses. Insurance coverage could include purchasing an independent renter insurance policy or verifying whether there is coverage under a parent/guardian's insurance policy.

P2.0 Pets and Wildlife

Residents may not have pets or wildlife in any residential community except for fish kept in one aquarium no larger than 10 gallons per residential space (room, suite, apartment, etc.). Fish kept as pets in the residential community must always remain in their aquarium. To prevent damage and blockage of the plumbing system, gravel is not allowed down the drains of sinks, showers, or toilets.

P3.0 Posting

All marketing materials intended for public posting in any residential community must be approved through the Campus Life Office, located in Elm Hall. If you wish to hang posters or flyers in the residence halls or apartments, we recommend the quantities (below) to the Campus Life Office.

- 1750 Jackson Street Apartments: 9
- Traditional Halls: 14
- Elm Hall: 6
- Maple Hall: 9
- The Village at Mines Park Apartments: 17
- Spruce Hall: 11
- Weaver Towers: 8
- All Residential Communities: 63

All postings should be hung on walls with minimal damage. Duct tape, nails, 3M Command strips, Scotch tape, and other materials which damage the walls are prohibited.

Q1.0 Quarantine and Isolation

Residents who are sick, including with COVID-19, should take the following steps:

- Isolate or quarantine in their current assignment. When leaving their bedroom, wear a mask and socially distance.
- Call your doctor or the Student Health Center for treatment and guidance.

Residence Life is not able to provide temporary alternative assignments for students to isolate or quarantine. Additionally, Residence Life is unable to relocate roommates of students in isolation or quarantine.

R1.0 Restricted and Private Areas

Students are not permitted on the residential community roofs, canopies, on top of elevators, or any other designated areas deemed unsafe by Mines staff at any point in time.

Students are only permitted to enter areas where they have been assigned access by Residence Life (e.g., bedroom and any common areas in their suite, apartment, and residential community). Before

entering another student's bedroom, suite, or apartment, a student assigned to that space must give permission and be present.

R2.0 Room Condition

Upon move-out, residents are responsible for any damage(s) that they do not report within the first three days (unless otherwise stated) of occupying their assignment and that occur during their occupancy of the space.

R2.1 All Mines-provided furniture and furnishings must remain within their designated space. You may disassemble your bed, but it must stay in your room during the year and be properly reassembled upon checkout. All furniture must be intact and in its original location upon move-out.

R2.2 Constructing homemade or store-bought lofts is not permitted in any residential community.

R2.3 Closet doors are not to be removed.

R2.4 Any damages to a student's room or furnishings will be assessed and charged to the student and/or community. Students who fail to checkout of the residence halls or apartments are equally responsible for damage to their room and will be assessed an improper checkout fee.

R3.0 Room Entry

Mines respects the right of the student to the privacy of their room. However, for reasons of safety, health, general welfare, or official business, including reasonable suspicion of a violation of Mines policy, Mines reserves the right to enter a student room and may do so without prior notification or without the student's presence if necessary.

S1.0 Security

Residents are responsible for their living environment. This includes monitoring who is following them into a residential area. Each resident entering or leaving a building should ensure that entrances are secured and locked to prevent unauthorized entry. Unauthorized entry includes holding a door for someone who does not live in your residential community. Any resident who allows non-residents to enter will be held liable for any damages or disruption caused by unauthorized entrants.

S2.0 Service and Assistance Animals

Residence Life is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for residents of all abilities and complying with state and federal laws regarding individuals with disabilities who may benefit from the assistance of an animal.

Service animals are permitted in all housing areas.

Residents are responsible for understanding the Animals on Campus Policy.

Assistance animals must receive approval through Disability Services and Residence Life prior to bringing the animal to campus. More information regarding assistance animals can be found here along with Disability Services' webpage on accommodations.

S3.0 Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, and Interpersonal Violence

Please reference the Policy Prohibiting Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination and Retaliation.

S4.0 Smoking and Vaping

All campus and State buildings, including any residential communities, are designated as non-smoking and non-vaping within the interior of the building. Smoking and vaping are only permitted in designated spaces as outlined in the Smoking and Vaping Policy (https://www.mines.edu/policy-library/university-smoking-and-vaping-policy/)

S4.1 Hookahs (open flame/coal smoking devices) are not permitted.

S4.2 Vaporizers or e-cigarettes cannot be used in residential communities.

S4.3 Production, sale, distribution, and sampling of all smoking products, paraphernalia, and accessories, including e-cigarettes and vaping devices of any kind, are prohibited.

S5.0 Solicitation and Sales

General sales or solicitations from student organizations or off-campus groups are prohibited in residential communities. Please notify a Residence Life staff member immediately or call Mines Police at 303-273-3333 to report incidents of solicitation.

A resident may not run a business out of their residence hall room or campus apartment.

S6.0 Sports in Residential Community Buildings

Residents are encouraged to use outdoor spaces at least 25 feet away from housing buildings to be physically active and play sports. Sport activities inside the residence halls or individual apartments are not permitted as they present a significant risk of personal injury or damage to facilities. Examples of activities that should only occur outside include, but are not limited to, Frisbee, football, soccer, volleyball, baseball, golf, rollerblading, water fights, bike riding, rough housing, and playing pranks which may affect the safety and security of community members.

T1.0 Trash

Residents are responsible for the removal of trash and recyclables from their rooms/apartments, including living rooms or suite common rooms. Trash must be placed in appropriate receptacles located in designated areas either outside the buildings or within trash rooms.

V1.0 Visitation and Guests

Visitors are limited to a maximum visitation of 3 consecutive days/nights within a 14-day period.

Residents are responsible for the conduct of their visitors and for any financial obligations incurred by their visitors while at Mines. When hosting visitors, residents should respect the rights of their roommate(s) and obtain permission prior to making plans. Per fire code, below are the maximum visitors permitted:

Room Type	Maximum Visitors
Residence Hall Single	2
Residence Hall Double	2
Residence Hall Triple	3
Residence Hall Suites and On-Campus Apartments	4

Visitors to the Residence Halls or Apartments must be accompanied by the host resident at all times in any public area. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their visitors.

Visitors who violate policy or who become a problem to roommates will be required to vacate the premises. Rules established to regulate conduct, protect the individual's right to privacy and promote a proper study atmosphere, as outlined in this handbook, shall apply to residents and visitors alike.

When a visitor becomes a nuisance to roommates and/or floor members, they will be asked to limit their visitation time or leave. If the problem persists, they may have further restrictions placed upon them by Residence Life.

W1.0 Weapons

Except as expressly provided within Mines Policy on Firearms, Explosives and Other Weapons, https://www.mines.edu/policy-library/policy-on-firearms-explosives-and-other-weapons/, handguns, hunting knives, rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows, swords, paintball guns, airsoft guns, and similar dangerous devices and objects are not permitted on campus. Residence Life staff have discretion to determine what constitutes a dangerous weapon within the residential communities. As a contractual condition of residence, all residents waive their right to possess, carry or store any weapon, firearm, or explosives, including concealed carry handguns, in any Colorado School of Mines-owned house, apartment, or residence hall.

W1.1 All switchblade and fixed-blade knives are not permitted in any residential community. Pocketknives or multi-function tools featuring a standard manual flip-blade type not exceeding 3.0 inches will be tolerated but are not condoned or encouraged. Staff members reserve the right to require the forfeiture of any device housing a knife blade in violation of these guidelines.

W1.2 Misuse or abuse of any dangerous device resulting in a possible threat to the safety of any resident may result in conduct action and, if the case warrants, will be turned over to Mines Police.

It may be possible to store firearms with Mines Police. Please contact them for additional information.

W2.0 Windows

Do not remove screens from windows. The full cost to replace screens will be assessed for screens that are removed, damaged, or missing at checkout.

W2.1 Do not throw, dump, hang anything over or out of, or crawl through windows.

W2.2 Do not hang clothes to dry or store items on the outside window ledge.

W2.3 In the Traditional Halls, room windows have a fire safety bar installed. Removing this fire safety bar or opening the window further than the bar allows may damage the window. Residents may be held responsible for any damages resulting from the actions above.

W2.4 Items cannot protrude from windows (e.g., air conditioning units, electrical cords, etc.).

W2.5 Due to fire and safety concerns and potential damage to windows, postings of any materials on either side of the windows are prohibited. Signs, posters, decorations, etc., may be posted in student rooms but must be done in a manner which in no way hinders exit or view through the window.

APPENDIX A: WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR USE OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES STUDENT RECREATION CENTERS

1. Residents who wish to access and use the workout facility in the 1750 Jackson Residential Community, The Village at Mines Park, or the Traditional Hall (hereinafter “Facility”) facilities, activities, and programs agree to and understand the provisions below.

2. In consideration of being permitted to access and use the Facility, residents, for themselves and on behalf of their heirs, personal representatives and assigns, do hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Colorado School of Mines, and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all liability for any and all damages, losses or injuries to persons or property, which arise out of, occur during or result from use of the Facility.

3. To the best of their knowledge, residents are expected to be aware of any physical disability or health-related reasons or problems that would preclude or restrict use of the Facility. Residents who use the facility are fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with participating in recreation and exercise activities, and understand that certain, inherent risks cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. Residents who use the facility understand that specific risks vary depending on the level and nature of the activity, and can range from minor personal injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains, to major injuries such as eye injuries, back or joint injuries, and injuries resulting from falls, or catastrophic injuries resulting in paralysis or death. Residents who use the facility understand that use of the Facility is purely voluntary, and notwithstanding the risk of injury to person or property, Residents who elect to use the Facility, and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by them as a result of use of the Facility and participation in Facility activities and programs.

4. Residents who use the facility must have sufficient health insurance coverage to provide for and pay any medical expenses that may directly or indirectly result from my use of Facility and/or participation in Facility activities and programs. Residents who use the facility understand that the Colorado School of Mines does not take responsibility for the payment of any such medical expenses.

5. Residents who use the facility agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Colorado School of Mines, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, actions, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney’s fees, that may be incurred as a result of use of the Facility and/or participation in Facility activities and programs.

6. Residents who use the facility understand that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Colorado, and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining terms shall continue in full legal force and effect.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, limit, or otherwise modify any governmental immunity that may be available to the State of Colorado, Colorado School of Mines, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents and representatives under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Colorado Revised Statutes § 24-10-101, et seq.

8. Residents who use the facility understand that use of the Facility is limited to a maximum of one hour and they are not allowed to grant Facility access to anyone. Residents understand that they are responsible for cleaning the exercise equipment before and after each use. Failure to do so within the assigned time frame may result in loss of privileges.

9. Residents who use the facility acknowledge and represent that they have carefully read this WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT in its entirety, fully understand and accept its terms, and consent voluntarily of their own free will. Residents who use the facility accept responsibility and confirm they are fully competent to understand this agreement. Residents who are currently enrolled Mines students under the age of 18 and who wish to use the facility must first go to the front desk of the respective community to receive a copy of this consent form, and have it signed by a parent or guardian. Residents under the age of 18 who are not Mines students are ineligible to use the facility.

10. Residents who use the facility further understand and acknowledge that they assume the risks associated with use of the facility during a global pandemic, and that those risks include but are not limited to potential exposure to contagious infections and diseases, including COVID-19. Residents who use the facility hereby release Mines, its trustees, officers, employees, agents and authorized representatives from any and all damages, liability, claims, expenses, or loss (collectively, “claims”) resulting from or arising out of use of the facility, including those related to the potential exposure to contagious infections and diseases, such as COVID- 19. Residents who use the facility hereby indemnify and hold harmless Mines, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, and authorized representatives from any claims resulting from or arising out of use of the facility.