

BEAREST NECESSITIES

Name:

Where do I live?:

MY PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS:

MY MAILING ADDRESS IS:

MY RALLY POINT IS:

For more information about living in the residence halls, go to **reslife.berkeley.edu**.



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Living Together in the Residence Halls

COMMUNITY STATEMENT

These principles of community for the University of California, Berkeley, are rooted in our mission of teaching, research and public service. They reflect our passion for critical inquiry, debate, discovery and innovation, and our deep commitment to contributing to a better world. Every member of the UC Berkeley community has a role in sustaining a safe, caring and humane environment in which these values can thrive.

- We place honesty and integrity in our teaching, learning, research and administration at the highest level.
- We recognize the intrinsic relationship between diversity and excellence in all our endeavors.
- We affirm the dignity of all individuals and strive to uphold a just community in which discrimination and hate are not tolerated.
- We are committed to ensuring freedom of expression and dialogue that elicits the full spectrum of views held by our varied communities.
- We respect the differences as well as the commonalities that bring us together and call for civility and respect in our personal interactions.
- We believe that active participation and leadership in addressing the most pressing issues facing our local and global communities are central to our educational mission.
- We embrace open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development as our obligation and goal.

UC Berkeley's "Principles of Community" statement was developed collaboratively by students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and issued by the Chancellor. Its intent is to serve as an affirmation of the intrinsic and unique value of each member of the UC Berkeley community and as a guide for our personal and collective behavior, both on campus and as we serve society.

LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE

We are excited that you have decided to live with us in the residential community at Cal! During your time here, you will have the opportunity to share spaces with individuals both similar and different from yourself. While we do not expect all roommates/suitemates to be best friends, we do expect you to be fair, honest, and considerate with one another.

As you are preparing to move in, we want you to consider some factors that will impact your living experience. We encourage you to have proactive conversations with your roommates in anticipation of your Move-in. You can utilize the list below as a starting place for your conversation. Once you arrive, you will build upon these initial conversations by completing the official roommate/suitemate agreement with your Resident Assistant (RA).

LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE Continued

Discussion Topics

Guests: When are visitors welcomed in your room? How often are overnight guests allowed?

Sharing: Are each of you comfortable sharing appliances (printer, coffee maker, etc.)? What about food? Other belongings you are willing to share? What belongings are you not willing to share?

Sleeping arrangements: What times do you tend to go to sleep? Do you need complete silence when you are sleeping?

Studying in your room: What do you need to successfully study in your room? How late/early is studying in the room acceptable?

Cleanliness: What level of cleanliness do you need in order to be comfortable in your living space? How are you all dividing different chores (vacuuming, taking trash out, washing dishes, etc.)?

Music/noise: When is playing music without your headphones acceptable and how loud? What noise levels are you comfortable with?

Room setup: What type of setup are you most comfortable with? How often would you like to switch the spatial arrangements?

Conflict management: What is your approach when there is a conflict? How do you like to receive feedback?

LIVING IN A MULTICULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

The University is proud to maintain one of the most diverse student populations in the world. Being part of this vibrant community can be both exciting and challenging. In order for a community to continue to develop and grow in a healthy manner, all members of the community need to feel they belong and have a voice within the community. We all play a part in achieving this goal. Because our community consists of diverse people, it is imperative that we engage in difficult and respectful conversations with each other to expand our understanding of the world around us.

Take advantage of the opportunity to learn from others who may appear to be different from you. Be aware of the assumptions and generalizations you make about people and remember that your experiences in the world may be very different from your new neighbors'. Be open to seeing the world differently, and ask questions. There is the potential for misunderstanding. We are all going to make mistakes and no one is expected to be perfect. Talking about your background from your perspective, while also listening to your roommate(s)/suitemate(s) and neighbors, will help set the stage for understanding one another. Through collaboration, openness, education, and growth, we can develop a community where every member can be successful and safe.

FEELING HOMESICK?

You are not alone! It's normal to feel homesick or overwhelmed with the adjustment to Cal. It's a big life change. It takes about six weeks to feel like you've adjusted. Talk with your RA, RD, or a counselor at the Tang Center for support. This is what we're here for! Learn more at bit.ly/uhsletstalk.

Safety Information and Resources

Your health and safety is a priority. This section provides information and resources for you about personal and property safety, as well as what to do in the event of fire or earthquake. More resources and information can be found on **reslife.berkeley. edu/health-and-safety**.

PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY

If at any time you feel unsafe, please contact a residential staff member or the University of California Police Department (UCPD) at 911 or 642.3333 from a cell phone. If you are witness to, or involved in, a hate- or bias-related incident, you may report this incident to the police or online through the UC systemwide reporting tool: bit.ly/3COzYsz. For more information about University policies and practices regarding the prevention of harassment and discrimination, go to ophd.berkeley.edu or call 643.7985.

Sexual Harassment & Sexual Violence

UC Berkeley is dedicated to preventing and addressing sexual harassment and sexual violence on campus. We believe in fostering a culture that prioritizes consent and respect, and responds to and supports survivors and their allies. As part of these efforts, we are working to engage all members of the university community to create a healthy and inspiring environment where violence in any form is not tolerated.

If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual violence or sexual harassment, there are many resources on campus that can help you explore your options, rights, and resources. A list of some of the resources available is on page 10. Comprehensive information regarding resources for survivors can be found at bit.ly/3NmJoBC.

Bears That Care

Have you ever been in a situation where something just did not feel right, but you were not sure how to respond? **Bears That Care** is an initiative to make our campus safer. Through taking action we will create a community of care where we are able to recognize a potential threat and prevent an act of violence from occurring. Being an active bystander means that you take action when you see a situation that could be potentially harmful to another person. Every step counts no matter how small you think it is; the impact can be larger than you know.

Keep Yourself Safe!

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Use BearWalk—don't walk alone.
 Log in at bearwalk.berkeley.edu
 or call 510.642.9255 (WALK).
- Get to know your Residential Security Liaison! That's the police
- officer assigned to your unit. They're here to answer your questions and help keep you safe.
- Take a Cal Self-Defense for All (CSDA) class at the GENEQ Center. Go to cejce.berkeley.edu and enter "self-defense" in the "search" field.

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- Sign up for WarnMe at warnme.berkeley.edu.
- Don't leave your laptop or other valuables in a lounge, library, or an unlocked room.
- Write down the serial numbers of your valuables, including your bicycle, and store them in a safe place.
- Make sure you are covered; get renter's insurance: riskservices.berkeley.edu/ student/renters
- See something unusual? Report suspicious activity to the UCPD non-emergency number: 510.642.6760. You may also report concerns to your RA, the Security Monitor, your RD, or your unit's front desk.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Fire Safety

What to do if there is an active fire or the fire alarm is activated in the residence hall

Every time you hear the building alarm, **evacuate immediately**. During evacuation, feel with the back of your hand before opening doors, warn others as you leave the building, and stay low to the ground if there is smoke.

How to evacuate in the event of a fire:

- Pull the alarm and call 911 (or 510.642.3333 from a cell phone).
- Feel your room door for heat before opening. (If the door is warm or smoke prevents exit, keep the door closed and open a window until rescued.)
- Evacuate the building immediately. Walk, do not run.
- Do not use the elevator. Use the stairs.
- When smoke or heat is encountered, keep low or crawl to avoid inhaling fumes, even if you're wearing a mask.
- Warn others as you leave the building.
- Assemble at your Rally Point (check the cover of this booklet for your address information).

Fire prevention

Never tamper with or cover smoke detectors or sprinklers.

Additional rules for fire prevention are below and in the Residential Code of Conduct:

- Decorations must be treated with fire retardant.
- Paper/material shall not be fastened to the ceiling or cover more than 1/3 of your wall. Posting on the corridor wall, window, or room doors is prohibited.
- Open coil, grease burning, or high heat appliances are **not** permitted in the residential rooms, including hot plates, space heaters, popcorn poppers, toasters, air fryers, blenders with heating elements, griddles, and rice makers.
- Coffee pots which are UL approved are permitted.
- Candles, incense, BBQs, string lights that are not battery operated, halogen lights, and paper lamp shades are prohibited.

Campus Emergency Siren System

This siren is tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 12 p.m. When you hear campus warning sirens that are not a scheduled drill, remember the following:

SHELTER-SHUT-LISTEN

SHELTER: Go and stay inside.

SHUT: Shut all doors and windows.

LISTEN: Call 800.705.9998, go to **emergency.berkeley.edu**, or listen to KALX 90.7FM for instructions.

WarnMe

WarnMe is UC Berkeley's alerting and warning service for students, staff, and faculty. It is activated to contact you when there is an immediate threat to safety or health affecting the campus community. WarnMe can alert you by phone, text message, or email—you choose the best ways to reach you. You must sign up at warnme.berkeley.edu.

Earthquakes

What happens

A severe earthquake in the Bay Area will produce violent shaking that can last from 5 to 60 seconds. Aftershocks could be as serious as the initial quake. The actual movement of the ground in an earthquake is seldom the direct cause of death. Most casualties result from falling objects.

If indoors, drop to the floor immediately, take cover under a table or desk, protect your head, and hold on until the shaking stops. If in bed, stay there and cover your head and neck. If outdoors, stay away from power lines, buildings, and trees. Stay away from things that can fall on you. Do not stand in a doorway (it's not safe for shelter).

DO NOT USE ELEVATORS. DO NOT ENTER A BUILDING UNTIL IT HAS BEEN STRUCTURALLY EVALUATED.

Preparing for an earthquake

Locate beds, desks, and tables away from windows. Bunked beds are not permitted next to windows. Do not hang speakers, plants, or other items from the ceiling (or above your bed). Heavy objects should be as close to the floor as possible. Loose objects should be secured to prevent from falling. Keep spaces under desks clear to use for shelter. Prepare an emergency kit that includes food, water, prescriptions, and other necessities that will keep you self-sustained for 72 hours.

After an earthquake

Check yourself for injuries. Do not attempt to move seriously injured people. Grab your emergency kits, exit the building, and go to the designated Rally Point for your Unit (check the cover of this booklet for your address information).

Do not use matches, candles, or open flames as there may be gas leaks. Do not touch downed power lines. Be prepared for aftershocks and falling debris.

Upon arrival at your Rally Point, check in with your RA.

Conduct

RESIDENTIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Residential Code of Conduct is a set of rules and policies that outline your responsibilities as a community member living in University Housing. The Residential Code of Conduct and the Residential Conduct System is in place to ensure that all students can feel safe and secure in their living and learning environment.

Accountability & Education within University Housing

Students who are alleged to have violated the Code are held accountable in the Conduct System. The residential conduct process is an educational process intended to hold students accountable for their actions and educate them about responsible decision-making in the context of University Housing. For more information regarding the residential conduct process and your rights and responsibilities, go to **reslife.berkeley.edu/conduct** and click on Residential Conduct Process.

Codes to Know

In this booklet is an overview of some of the codes found in the Student Code of Conduct and the Residential Code of Conduct. Students who know these codes, understand their importance, and follow their prohibitions ensure that they are in good standing within the community. Thank you for your part in helping contribute to the overall safety and security within University housing and on campus.

Please know that the Residential Code of Conduct may be updated at any time, and this will be communicated to the residential population through their campus email.

You can read the entire Residential Code of Conduct at **reslife.berkeley.edu**. Click on Conduct.

Selected Sections of the

RESIDENTIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

A1. Alcohol

A. Possession, consumption, distribution, or being in the presence of alcohol by residents under the age of 21 is prohibited. This includes all other use of alcohol in violation of state law or University policy.

B. Consumption of alcohol by residents who are 21 or older is permitted only in the resident's assigned room, and with the provision that the door is closed and no individuals under the age of 21 are present. All other use of alcohol in violation of state law or University policy is prohibited.

A4. Disorderly & Lewd Behavior

B. Students are expected to respect the reasonable privacy of other individuals within University housing; thus, photographing, audio or video recording without the knowledge and consent of all participants is prohibited. In particular the use of cameras, cellphones and video equipment in University Housing restroom facilities and/or other areas that could be considered sensitive in nature is also prohibited.

A5. Disruptive Activities

The use of sporting equipment (e.g., skateboards, scooters, bicycles, rollerblades, etc.) is prohibited in residential facilities, including interior and exterior walkways. Throwing and/or kicking objects or engaging in any other behavior that interferes with, or prohibits, reasonable use of the space by others is also prohibited.

A11. Noise

A. Disrupting quiet hours, defined as the time between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday–Thursday and 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. Friday–Saturday, with unreasonable noise is prohibited in all residential facilities, courtyards and surrounding areas. Unreasonable noise is any noise that disrupts or potentially disrupts the lives of residents or neighboring community members.

A14. Smoking & Vaping

A. Smoking or use of a vape of any kind is not permitted within University housing or within properties owned or leased (e.g., courtyards, parking lots, etc.) by UC Berkeley. This prohibition is inclusive of the use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizers.

A19. Trespass & Restricted Access

B. Accessing known or marked restricted areas is prohibited. This includes roof access doors, rooftops, ledges, seismic bracing, fire escapes, construction areas, and any other area or space that a residential staff member declares to be restricted.

B2. Fire Safety

A. Misuse or interference with fire safety equipment such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinklers, door closures, safety lights or exit signs is prohibited.

B3. Fire Hazards

D. Halogen lamps and decorative string lights are not permitted in any residential facility.

B5. Keys

B. Each resident may receive four lockouts per academic year. Additional lockouts are considered excessive and a violation of policy that may be subject to a \$25 service fee per lockout.

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CAMPUS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

There are certain behaviors prohibited by the Campus Code of Student Conduct, some of which are outlined below. The Chancellor may impose discipline for these types of violations (including aiding or abetting in the commission or attempted commission of such behaviors). The entire UC Berkeley Student Code of Conduct is available at conduct.berkeley.edu/code-of-conduct/.

102.08 Physical Abuse

Physical abuse including but not limited to physical assault; threats of violence; or other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person.

102.09 Harassment

Harassment defined as conduct that is so severe and/or pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so substantially impairs a person's access to University programs or activities that the person is effectively denied equal access to the University's resources and opportunities.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is motivated on the basis of the person's race, color, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, marital status, ancestry, service in the uniformed services, physical or mental disability, medical condition, or perceived membership in any of these classifications. Pursuant to section 104.90, sanctions may be enhanced for conduct motivated on the basis of the above classifications.

102.10 Stalking

Stalking behavior in which a student repeatedly engages in a course of conduct directed at another person and makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her family; where the threat is reasonably determined by the University to seriously alarm, torment, or terrorize the person; and where the threat is additionally determined by the University to serve no legitimate purpose.

If you are documented for a code violation, you will receive a letter via your Berkeley email from a Residential or Campus Conduct Officer. Upon receipt of this letter, you will have the opportunity to discuss the incident with them. It is the RA's role to document incidents; they do not make any decisions regarding the outcome of a case.

Leadership Opportunities

The following is a description of some of the many leadership opportunities available to you within the residential community. For more information, contact any hall staff member or go to **reslife.berkeley.edu** and click on **Opportunities**.

Peer Review Board (PRB)

The PRB is a student-run, student-led leadership organization who focuses on following up with members of the residential community when policy violations occur. This board focuses on education, restorative justice, and responsible freedom. Email prbconduct@berkeley.edu if you are interested.

The Residence Hall Assembly (RHA)

RHA consists of representatives from each residence hall and serves as a residential government advocacy group for student issues.

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

NRHH is dedicated to recognizing the top 1% of leaders living in the residence halls. NRHH acknowledges extraordinary leaders who go above and beyond their academic, extracurricular, and social expectations.

Hall Associations

Hall Associations are the student governments in each residential building or area. They organize many of the activities for the community. Each Hall Association elects an Executive Committee (Ex Comm) for both the fall and spring semesters at the beginning of each semester.

Health Worker Program

Health Workers provide peer health education, outreach, and advising services.

Student Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities in the residence halls include the fields of security, academic support, administration, supervision, and live-in staff.

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Emergency and Resource Numbers

We recommend saving these numbers in your phone. All numbers operate during regular business hours, unless noted with an *.

Emergency Services

Campus Police Emergency (from campus phone)	. 911*
Campus Police Emergency (from cell phone)	. 1.510.642.3333*
City of Berkeley Police	. 1.510.981.5900
Counseling Services After-Hours	. 1.510.642.9494*
WarnMe (automated information)	. 1.800.705.9998*

Crime Prevention/Related Services

BearWALK Escort (Dusk to 3 a.m.)
Call 15 minutes before you need the escort.
Door-to-Door Shuttle (3 to 5:30 a.m.)
Bears That Care (bystander intervention)1.510.642.5991
Campus Police Non-Emergency

Health and Support Services

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University Health Services (main line)	1.510.642.2000
Advice Nurse (University Health)	1.510.643.7197
Alta Bates Hospital	1.510.204.1303
WarnMe (automated information)	1.510.642.6074
Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination	1.510.643.7985
Ombudsperson for Students	1.510.642.5754

Gender-Related Support Services

Confidential Care Advocate (gendered violence/harassment)	1.510.642.1988
Sexual Assault Counseling (University Health)	. 1.510.642.6074
Sexual Harassment, Title IX Officer	. 1.510.643.7985

Financial Assistance

Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (Cal Student Central) 1.510.664.9181 Cal Student Central will connect you to the appropriate Financial Aid and Scholarships support.

