

## Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

As a resident of Oregon Tech Housing, you possess individual rights and responsibilities, which must be held in high regard. This document is intended to define rights, in which you are entitled to as a resident, and responsibilities, which are expected of you as a resident. Both are a necessary part of your physical, educational, and social pursuits in the college experience.

### Your **RIGHTS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES** as a Resident:

1. One of the basic purposes of the University is the dissemination and application of knowledge:
  - You have the **RIGHT** to a reasonably peaceful and quiet space in which you can sleep and study.
  - You have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to observe the levels of your noise, your stereo, and the noise of your guests and to keep them at a reasonable volume, and remind others that you expect the same.
2. Optimum physical environmental conditions are essential as they support, reinforce and provide for positive conditions in which to learn and live:
  - You have the **RIGHT** to a safe, secure, clean, attractive, well maintained, and comfortable environment.
  - You have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to clean up after yourself, keep your door locked and report any unusual behavior to any Housing and Residence Life staff member.
3. You should expect freedom from interference regarding your personal activities, and should be able to maintain privacy for other than academic purposes:
  - You have the **RIGHT** to choose your means of recreation and relaxation.
  - You have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to know and abide by the University's policies, including those that pertain to alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.
  - You have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to follow the rules and regulations established to support the educational purposes of the University and to sustain a safe and comfortable living and learning environment.

4. You should have the opportunity to maintain personal contacts and friendships with other persons in order to fulfill your needs for socialization:
  - You have the RIGHT to privacy, to host visitors, and to your share of your room in terms of space and time.
  - You have the RESPONSIBILITY to let your roommate know of your wishes and preferences for hours of sleep, study, and visitation, and to work through any differences you may have in a peaceful manner.
  
5. You should expect Housing and Residence Life to function in the most educationally profitable manner, where the right to initiate actions and referrals for impartial and fair adjudication of grievances is held paramount:
  - You have the RIGHT to know what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in the Housing community.
  - You have the RIGHT to confront others' behavior that infringes on your rights.
  - You have the RIGHT to the assistance of any Housing and Residence Life staff member, Campus Safety Officer, or any other University official when you need help.
  - You have the RESPONSIBILITY to examine your own behavior when confronted by another and work towards resolving conflicts.
  - You have the RESPONSIBILITY to notify a staff person of your needs promptly, and to cooperate with them as they work with you to meet your needs.
  - You have the RESPONSIBILITY to report any self, community, roommate, or peer concerns to an appropriate University official.
  - You have the RESPONSIBILITY to read the information provided from the Housing Office, campus, the Student Housing Handbook & the Oregon Tech Student Handbook.

Nothing in the **Bill of Rights and Responsibilities** and/or its implementation shall deny any individual his or her basic rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution, nor deny other alternatives for redress of grievances that are available under the individual's status as a student and as a citizen of the State of Oregon. These are some of your **“rights”** and **“responsibilities”** – think about them, talk about them, and make them a part of what you do during your stay here.