



Yale-NUS Student Community Standards

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The mission of Yale-NUS College, and the full realisation of its character as a community of learning, is dependent upon both individual and collective student contributions to community building. Students contribute to the larger community in a variety of ways, and we constantly work towards a goal of a just, equitable, inclusive, and compassionate community. The standards for community behaviour exist to ensure that community norms for Yale-NUS College are understood clearly and that students feel a sense of accountability and responsibility towards them.

As the norms of community behaviour addressed in these policies and procedures are community-based, they represent shared values that are foundational to our intellectual mission. As such, they constitute a range of expectations for Yale-NUS College students no matter where or when their conduct may take place.

These guidelines apply to students from formal acceptance of admission to Yale-NUS College, and continue in effect until the student graduates – including summers and other breaks from the academic calendar. Students who host guests from outside the Yale-NUS College community may also be held accountable under these guidelines for the actions of guests that violate them.

The Community Standards Accountability process is facilitated by the Dean of Students Office and is an integral part in keeping our community safe, inclusive, and respectful. The process is not intended to be punitive, but is intended to hold students accountable to Yale-NUS' community standards. The Associate Director of Residential Education & Dispute Resolution manages the Community Standards processes.

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1. LAW

1.1 VIOLATION OF SINGAPORE LAW

Any behaviours or actions prohibited by [Singapore law](#) are prohibited at Yale-NUS College.

2. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

2.1 NOISE

Excessive noise or behaviour that disturbs others or endangers the personal safety of others within the Residential College (RC) is prohibited. Using, playing, or operating any sound-amplifying equipment that violates a standard of quiet conducive to study or sleep is prohibited.

2.2 WINDOW PROJECTION

Dropping, throwing, or in any manner permitting objects (e.g., balls, laser lights, etc.) to be projected into or out of RC windows is prohibited.

2.3 BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS

The use of bikes, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, or recreational scooters within Yale-NUS campus is prohibited. Bicycles should be stored in designated areas such as bike rooms/bike racks.

2.5 OBSTRUCTION AND INTERFERENCE

Intentional obstruction of, or interference with, any College activities including teaching, research, administration or public service is prohibited.

2.6 ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC SPACES

Alcohol cannot be consumed in any public spaces, including courtyards, sky gardens, the Oculus, Café Agora, or any other outdoor area.

2.7 STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

The operation of campus or student organisations in a manner that exceeds their mandate is prohibited. See the [Student Organisations Policies](#).

2.8 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Intentionally and substantially interfering with the freedom of expression of others on College premises or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited.

2.9 DISCRIMINATION

Intentionally discriminating against others in the College community on the basis of race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability or any other identity group is prohibited.

3. PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

3.1 ENDANGERING SAFETY

Behavior that endangers or disturbs others' or one's own personal safety is prohibited. This includes dangerous situations that could result from overconsumption of alcohol.

3.2 HARASSMENT

Harassing behavior by any group/individual within the College community aimed at any other group/individual is strictly prohibited. Harassing behavior refers to any repeated threatening or abusive action taken or situation created to produce an unsafe or uncomfortable environment. This may include but is not limited to creating mental or physical distress, embarrassment, or ridicule to another individual/group.

3.3 DIGITAL HARASSMENT/HARM

Cyber-bullying and making, recording or disseminating audio/visuals of another person without their consent are prohibited.

3.4 HARM

Threatening or causing physical harm, verbal abuse, intimidation, coercion, retaliation or bullying is prohibited. Any other conduct which threatens or endangers the health, safety, or privacy of any member of the College community, including visitors, is prohibited.

3.5 STALKING/CYBERSTALKING

Stalking is defined as harassing behaviour that is unwelcome, persistent, and repeated, directed toward an individual or group. Such behaviour includes but is not limited to following an individual, making frequent phone calls, sending frequent emails or messages, appearing at an individual's residence, class, or work.

3.6 UNAUTHORISED ENTRY/USE

Entry into and use of campus spaces outside of their defined opening and closing times (e.g., gym, Library, arts spaces, etc.) is prohibited, unless there is explicit prior written permission and/or staff supervision.

3.7 UNAUTHORISED SUITE ENTRY

Entering any student suite that one does not live in, without express permission of a resident who resides there, is prohibited.

3. PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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3.8 PUBLIC LEWDNESS/INDECENCY

Acts of public lewdness or indecency are prohibited. This includes public urination, sexual contact, public nudity, voyeurism, and other acts which may be deemed lewd or indecent to others.

3.9 ALCOHOL

Public intoxication and/or the unlawful consumption, possession, sale, attempted sale, manufacture, or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

4. VISITORS AND GUESTS

Students are encouraged to discuss the following policies as a suite and utilize a Suitemate Agreement form and/or RC staff for support. Any agreement between suitemates regarding guests must comply with the Code of Student Conduct.

4.1 VISITORS AND GUESTS

Guests at any time are permitted only with the consent of the suitemates. Guests are any persons (including students) who are not currently assigned to live in the suite in which they are present.

4.2 HOST RESPONSIBILITY

The host is responsible for seeing that guests follow all RC regulations and procedures. Each student is personally responsible for the conduct of their guests while on campus, including damage caused by guests.

4.3 RIGHT TO REQUEST VACATION OF PREMISES

The RC reserves the right to request guests to leave at any time.

4.4 LENGTH OF STAY

Overnight guests are permitted for a maximum stay of 3 consecutive nights, with permission from suitemates.

4.5 COHABITATION

Cohabitation is prohibited. Cohabitation occurs when a person who is not assigned to a particular room in a suite uses that room as if they were living there.

Examples of cohabitation may include, but are not limited to:

- Accessing the suite/room while the assigned occupants are not present.
- Utilizing another students' access card to enter a suite/room to which one is not assigned.
- Storing a significant amount of clothing and other personal belongings in the suite/room as though they lived in that suite/room.
- Sleeping overnight in the room on a regular basis.
- Using the bathroom or shower facilities as though they lived in that suite.

4. VISITORS AND GUESTS

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4.6 SUBLEASING

Students may not sublet their room to others, including Yale-NUS students, under any circumstances. Students may not participate in programmes such as CouchSurfing, Airbnb, etc.

4.7 ACCESS FOR GUESTS

Yale-NUS does not provide access cards to visiting guests. Hosts should not loan their access card to their guests and should remain with their guests at all times.

5. BUILDING SECURITY AND ACCESS

5.1 DOOR PROPPING

The placement of any object in, near, or around the exterior door or gate of Yale-NUS College in an effort to prevent the door/gate from closing, or being able to close or lock the door upon closing, is prohibited.

5.2 DOOR TAMPERING

Tampering with, disabling, obstructing, vandalising, or interfering with the normal functioning of any portion of a security monitoring system or monitored door, including but not limited to door alarms, cameras, or card readers, is prohibited.

5.3 TAILGATING

Tailgating to gain entry to any part of Yale-NUS College is prohibited. The term “tailgating” is used to describe the situation where one or more people follow an authorized person through an access-controlled door when the authorized person opens the door legitimately. This can be done either with or without the authorized person’s knowledge and/or consent.

5.4 BUILDING ACCESS RESPONSIBILITY

Students who provide an unauthorised individual or group access to Yale-NUS College are responsible for the actions of those individuals and can be held responsible for damages and conduct violations attributed to the unauthorised individuals. This includes unauthorised individuals who gain access as a result of tailgating or the use of a propped or compromised door.

5.5 BUILDING ACCESS PERMISSION

Individuals authorised to enter RCs are limited to:

- Current students assigned to rooms within the facility.
- Authorized faculty or staff acting within the scope of their role and the immediate performance of their duties.
- Escorted guests of authorized students.

5.6 UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

Unauthorised possession or use of an access card that is not your own Yale-NUS ID card is strictly prohibited. Students may not lend their room keys or access cards to guests. Please refer to the Visitors and Guests section for more information.

5. BUILDING SECURITY AND ACCESS

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5.7 ACCESS CARD/ID RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for keeping track of their access card and are responsible for any charges necessary to replace lost cards. Students must notify Infrastructure in a timely manner if their access card is lost or destroyed.

5.8 UNAUTHORISED ROOM USAGE

Use of a room that is not the room your access card is assigned to is strictly prohibited. This includes use of an empty room in the suite, taking over the room of a student who has left the College, or swapping rooms without staff approval.

5.9 CAMPUS USE DURING DECEMBER AND SUMMER BREAK PERIODS

During the December and summer break periods, the campus is closed except for the students who are approved to be staying. Students are able to access campus when gates are open (9-6, Monday-Friday, excluding public holidays) but any student who is not staying on campus during a break period should not be accessing campus after-hours. This includes common lounges, butteries, Rector's Commons, etc. Visiting a friend who is staying on campus is acceptable; however, the person you are visiting must be with you at all times.

6. FACILITY/PROPERTY USE

6.1 THEFT

Attempted or actual theft or misappropriation of College property or the property of any person on the College campus is prohibited. Contact the Campus Security at 6601 3696 immediately if a theft has occurred.

6.2 DAMAGE

Intentional damage to, misuse, or destruction of College property or the property of any person on the College campus is prohibited.

- Students will be individually responsible for damages they cause to RC property.
- In public or semi-public areas of the RCs, damages occurring are charged to groups or individuals when the responsibility is established.
- Students will also be responsible for any damages caused by their guests.

6.3 VANDALISM

The College defines vandalism as unauthorized marking of any publicly-shared spaces of the College that are used by the Yale-NUS community and/or are accessible via a Yale-NUS access card. This includes spaces such as outward and inward facing walls, butteries, Café Agora, library facilities, faculty offices, and laundry rooms.

6.4 TRASH

All trash and debris must be placed in recycling chutes located on each floor in the utility closets. Glass should be brought to recycling bins on the first floor of the RCs.

6.5 ROOF OR LEDGE ACCESS

Students are not permitted on the roof or exterior ledge of any building for any unauthorised purpose.

6.6 DECORATIONS

Students are financially responsible for all damages or loss in designated rooms/suites. Students may decorate their rooms with posters and other similar decorations as long as they do not cause damage to or permanently alter the room. No decorations may be affixed, in any way, to the ceiling.

6. FACILITY/PROPERTY USE

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6.7 RESTRICTED AREAS

Certain restricted areas exist within RCs. Students are not allowed in such areas, which include but are not limited to any place that is officially closed, restricted to designated people, or any place where the safety and welfare of the student is endangered.

Examples of restricted areas include designated construction zones, mechanical rooms, or staff-only offices.

6.8 COLLEGE PROPERTY

Unauthorised use of College property or resources for personal gain is prohibited.

6.9 COMPUTING RESOURCES

Misuse of computing resources is prohibited. This includes the following:

- Failure to comply with laws, license agreements, and contracts governing College computer network, software, and hardware use.
- Use of College computing resources for unauthorised commercial purposes or personal gain.
- Breach of computer security, invasion of privacy, or unauthorised access to College computing resources.
- Conduct violating the terms of any disciplinary proceeding disposition.

7. FURNITURE

7.1 TRANSFER OF FURNITURE

RC furniture may not be transferred from one room/suite to another or exchanged between rooms/suites, nor removed or stored elsewhere in the building or off-campus.

7.2 PUBLIC AREA FURNITURE

RC furniture placed in public or semi-public areas is for the comfort and use of all students. Such furniture must remain in the area designated for it and must not be moved into students' rooms.

7.3 ROOM/SUITE FURNITURE AGREEMENT

Students may arrange furniture that is not permanently affixed in any reasonable manner, as long as damage does not occur.

7.4 PROHIBITED APPLIANCES

Certain types of cooking appliances (e.g., induction cookers, ovens, hot plates, other cooking equipment with open heating elements or exposed coils, etc.) are strictly prohibited.

7.5 ROUTER DEVICES

Any machine or device (e.g., personal routers, wireless printers, mobile hotspots, etc.) that disrupts the normal operation of the Yale-NUS campus network is prohibited. Any machine with inadequate security that leaves the Yale-NUS network vulnerable is prohibited.

8. SALES AND SOLICITATION

8.1 SALES

No soliciting is permitted on campus or within the RCs by an off-campus salesperson.

8.2 DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

No door-to-door sales and/or solicitation (including campaigning) is permitted without formal approval from the RCs.

8.3 RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE CANVASSING

On- and off-campus groups may not canvass or solicit funds, sales, memberships, subscriptions, or distribute literature without special written permission from their RC.

8.4 FUND-RAISING

Fund-raising events by approved student organisations must obtain advance permission through the RC and the Dean of Students Office.

8.5 VENDORS

No group or individual may act as a vendor, sales agent, or in any way establish a business enterprise in RCs which interferes with the normal use of the facility or is not congruent with the educational purpose of the College.

9. FAILURE TO COMPLY

9.1 COMPLIANCE

A student must comply with directions/instructions, written or verbal, issued by college officials acting in performance of their regular or delegated duties. College officials are defined as any staff or faculty member who is employed by the College.

9.2 FALSE INFORMATION

A student may not furnish false or misleading information to college officials or on college records, nor alter or tamper with such records. This includes initiating or causing to be initiated any false report regarding another person. Although it is understood that just because a filed report is not ultimately supported by investigation, the report is not rendered 'false' as a result.

9.3 STUDENT ID

Students must show their ID card upon request to RC staff members and other appropriate college officials acting in performance of their duties in enforcing college rules and regulations.

9.4 SANCTION ASSIGNMENT

A student can only be assigned a certain sanction once for a given violation of the published rules. However, a student's record of conduct is cumulative and multiple violations of the same policy will result in increasingly severe disciplinary actions.

9.5 VIOLATION OR NON-COMPLIANCE OF SANCTIONS

Violating the terms or non-completion of any disciplinary sanction may result in further disciplinary action.

9.6 MISUSE OF INFORMATION

Forgery, alteration, fabrication or misuse of College forms, documents, records, keys or instruments of identification, including the submission of false information will result in further disciplinary action.

9.7 DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Disrespectful or dishonest participation in any College disciplinary hearing is prohibited and will result in further sanctions.

9.8 RECORDING

Electronic, photographic or digital recording that is contrary to College or NUS policy is prohibited.

10. DRUGS AND TOBACCO

10.1 DRUGS

The possession, presence, use, sale, manufacture, cultivation, or provision of any type of illegal drug (e.g., barbiturates, opiates, marijuana, amphetamines, hallucinogens, etc.) or aiding in the use of such are not permitted in RCs and are violations of Singapore law.

10.2 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

The possession of drug paraphernalia (e.g., bongs, grinders, pipes, vaporizers, rolling papers, etc.) is not permitted in RCs and are violations of Singapore law.

10.3 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The misuse of controlled substances, including prescription drugs is prohibited. Controlled substances must be issued in the name of the student and stored in the student's assigned room when not in the student's immediate possession.

10.4 SMOKE AND TOBACCO-FREE BUILDINGS

Smoking on the premises of U-Town is strictly prohibited. This includes the Yale-NUS campus and its amenities such as sky gardens, courtyards, rooms/suites, and any other non-designated smoking spaces. Smoking and the use of chewing tobacco, hookah, vapor pens, e-cigarettes, and other similar devices are not permitted inside the RC.

11. FIRE SAFETY

In the event of fire, sound the nearest fire alarm and contact the RC staff or security.

11.1 FALSE ALARM

A student may not set off a fire alarm or use any fire-safety equipment, except with reasonable belief of the need for such alarm or equipment.

11.2 TAMPERING WITH ALARM

A student may not tamper with, disable, or obstruct any fire-safety equipment, including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and cases, fire sprinklers and associated plumbing, and fire hose connections.

11.3 INTENTIONAL MISUSE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT

Intentional misuse of any College fire alarm or firefighting/safety equipment is prohibited.

11.4 OBSTRUCTING FIRE RESPONSE

Intentionally delaying, obstructing, or resisting any College officer, including RC staff or emergency personnel, in the performance or attempted performance of their duty is prohibited.

11.5 VACATE ON ALARM

A student must promptly vacate any campus facility, including the RCs, when a fire alarm is sounded.

11.6 ARSON

Purposely setting fire to any property of the Yale-NUS campus is prohibited.

11.7 IGNITION SOURCES AND COMBUSTIBLES

Candles, kerosene lamps, incense, space heaters, fog or smoke machines, lighter fluid, or other similar items are not allowed in RCs.

12. FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

12.1 WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Possession, use, or sale of any incendiary, explosive, or destructive device or any firearm on the College campus and within the RC is not permitted and is a violation of Singapore law.

“Weapon” refers to any object/substances designed to, or could be expected to, inflict physical harm. This includes things like BB guns, handguns, knives, tasers, bow & arrows, etc). All weapons are prohibited on campus.

12.2 STORAGE OF WEAPONS

Possession of a weapon used for instructional programs is not permitted within RCs. This regulation does not apply to law enforcement or College officials acting in performance of their duties.

12.3 FIREWORKS

A student may not explode or possess fireworks on campus or in any campus buildings, including residential facilities.

12.4 FAILURE TO REPORT WEAPONS

Students must report to Campus Security and/or Dean of Students Office personnel the presence of a weapon, explosive or incendiary device, when the presence of such weapon or device is known or reasonably suspected.

13. ANIMALS

13.1 PETS

Pets (e.g., fish, turtles, birds, dogs, cats, snakes, small caged animals) are not permitted in any student suite on campus, either on a temporary or permanent basis. An exception can be made for service animals as defined by law.

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