Prohibited Items

SUNY New Paltz makes a concerted effort to comply with state health and fire safety standards. As such, there are several items that are not allowed in students’ rooms. Items not permitted:

- **EXTENSION CORDS AND OUTLET ADAPTERS**
  Students may ONLY use UL approved surge protector power strips if they have a clearly marked reset button. No other types of extension cords are permitted.

- **KITCHEN APPLIANCES**
  - Microwaves
  - Hot Pots
  - Griddles
  - Toaster Ovens
  - George Foreman Grills
  - Fondue Pots/Fountains
  - Electric Pots/Pans/Woks
  - Coffee makers or electric kettles with exposed heating elements (single serve coffee makes such a Keurig ARE permitted)
  - Microwaves without SafeT Sensor on microwave
  - Kettle or toaster with exposed heating elements
  - Electric blankets
  - Air Conditioners
  - Space Heaters
  - Sound Amplifying Equipment
  - Appliances in need of electrical repair or which may be considered hazardous

- **LAMPS**
  - Lamps with plastic or cloth lamp shades/ covers
  - Halogen lamps or bulbs
  - Clip-On Lamps
  - Sun Lamps
  - Lava Lamps

- **OTHER PROHIBITED APPLIANCES**
  - Window fans
  - Air Conditioners
  - Sound Amplifying Equipment
  - Appliances in need of electrical repair or which may be considered hazardous

- **ALCOHOL/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**
  - Funnels for drinking
  - Any smoking apparatus determined to be drug use related is strictly prohibited.

- **WEAPONS AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT**
  - Knives of any kind
  - Box Cutters
  - Guns or firearms of any type (including BB, paint or air guns)
  - Hazardous athletic/recreational equipment such as nun-chukka sticks, throwing stars, swords archery equipment, metal tipped darts, etc.

- **FLAME PRODUCING & FLAMMABLE ITEMS/LIQUIDS**
  - Candles with a wick
  - Incense
  - Fireworks
  - Grills of any type
  - Butane/lighter fluid/gasoline
  - Torches, including culinary torches
  - Scented oil, wax or candle warmers of any kind
  - Art supplies consisting of flammable materials such as oil based paints, stains, paint thinner, aerosol paint cans, etc. These can be stored in lockers provided in the art building.

- **OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS**
  - Cinder Blocks
  - Power Tools
  - Scented Plugins
  - Bed Risers
  - Curtains (unless they are fire resistant)
  - Construction or wood working tools such as saws, hammers, drills, etc.
  - Tapestries and other wall decorations over 3ft.
  - Taxidermy – This includes finished products as well as skins, tools and other items used for the preparing, stuffing or mounting taxidermy.
  - Furniture – Non-college issued furniture is strictly prohibited. This includes beds, mattresses, couches, desks, dressers, chairs, folding chairs or any other furniture items. Seating, like bean bag or sack chairs, any portion of which consists of or is covered with fabric of any type are also prohibited.
  - Hoverboards – The use, possession, storing or charging of hover boards is prohibited anywhere on campus. Any damages to college property, or injuries to another individual which result from a violation of this policy, whether intentional or unintentional, will be subject to additional conduct charges. (See the Environmental Health and Safety webpage regarding fire safety)
The State of New York will occasionally instruct campuses to add items (especially new products) to the list of prohibited items if it is determined that they pose a health or fire hazard. Residence Life will inform students if this happens. At that point, any student in possession of such an item will need to remove it from the premises immediately.

Additionally, SUNY New Paltz reserves the right to have students remove from campus any item which is not listed but deemed to be a fire or health and safety hazard by the Department of Residence Life, the Environmental Health and Safety Office and/or the NYS Fire Marshall.

**What if an illegal appliance or item is found?**

Residents are Officially Requested to take the item to the Resident Assistant office for storage until the resident can make arrangements for its removal to an off-campus location. Should the student fail to comply with the Official Request, the item will be confiscated and the student will be subject to disciplinary action. Students will also be subject to disciplinary action for repeat offenses.

Illegal items that have been confiscated by or returned to Residence Life Staff will be stored for no more than 90 days. Stored items that are not claimed and removed form campus will be discarded. SUNY New Paltz shall bear no financial responsibility for discarded items.

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