



To promote the general safety and wellness of the residents and protect university facilities, in addition to any item of which possession in the residence hall is unlawful, RLH specifically prohibits the following general categories and examples of items in the residence halls unless the university has provided an item for resident use. Items on the Prohibited Items List may be confiscated at the discretion of the department. The university may require the immediate removal of any other item which it determines to pose a risk to the safety or wellbeing of residents.

### Alcohol Related Items

- Alcohol Containers
  - Empty Alcohol Containers
  - Alcohol Container Collections and Decorations
  - Kegs
- Alcohol Paraphernalia
  - Beer bongos
  - Funnels
  - Beer/Water pong tables

### Attachments or Affixed Items

- Affixing any item to a residence hall surface, such as a wall, ceiling, floor, furniture or door with double-stick tape or any adhesive that causes or results in damage
- Bathroom fixture attachments

- Water filters
- Shower heads
- Bidets
- Vertical or Horizontal Pole (for dance or other purpose)
- Exterior aerials or satellite dishes
- Exterior window shades or awnings
- LED Lights
- Security systems or security alarms (i.e. security chains, door blocker, cameras, etc.)
- Wall mountings, e.g. for wall-mounted televisions, computer screens, or other appliances or devices

### Cooking Appliances (Approved)

*The following items may be stored, but not used in the residence hall room. They may only be used in community kitchen areas, where available (Gladding Residence Center):*

- Cooking and heating appliances with no open/exposed heating elements (i.e. rice cooker, instapots, pressure cookers, crockpot, air fryer, etc.)
- George Foreman-type grills, panini press, etc.
- Toasters and toaster ovens

### Cooking Appliances (Unapproved)

*The following items with an exposed heating element are not permitted to be stored or used anywhere in a residence hall or apartment:*

- Hot plates
- Deep fryers
- Electric frying pans/griddles
- Electric stoves

If unsure about a particular appliance, please consult your Hall Director.

### Dangerous Devices and Items

- Ammunition
- BB/air/pellet or paintball guns
- Electroshock devices
- Expandable batons or impact weapons
- Firearms
- Firearm parts
- Fireworks
- Knives (except folding metal blade less than 3 inches)
- Lasers
- Spears
- Stun guns
- Stun lights

- Swords
- Tasers
- Weapons (as defined in [the VCU Student Code of Conduct](#)) or any toy, souvenir or other item that reasonably looks like a weapon

### Electrical Appliances

- Air conditioners
- Any other open-coiled appliance
- Black Lights and Black Light Bulbs
- Ceiling fans
- Desk lamps with USB charging ports
- Electric blankets
- Extension Cords and Multi-Plug Adapters (except for surge protectors meeting university safety standards)
- Halogen torchiere lamps
- Lava lamps
- Portable dishwashers
- Refrigerators (including mini-fridges and freezers)
- Space heaters
- USB outlet adapter/extender
- Washing machines
- Window fans (floor fans are permitted)

### Flammable Decorations and Open Flames

- Candles (lit or unlit)
- Candle wax burners
- Incense (lit or unlit)
- Incense Burners
- Live plants and trees exceeding two feet
- Non-flame-retardant Curtains
- Oil lamps (lit or unlit)
- Plug in air fresheners
- Torches/Camping Stoves
- Wall/Ceiling coverings (please refer to the Decorations section)

### Flamable Substances

- Gasoline
- Lighter fluid

- Motor and engine oil
- Propane

### Furniture

- Cinder Blocks
- Hot Tubs
- Loft Equipment/Bed Lofts
- Pools
- Waterbeds

### Smoking Devices/Products

- Hookahs
- Tobacco or vaporizer products (i.e. vape)

### Miscellaneous Items

- Electric Bikes/Electric Scooters/Hoverboards
  - (defined as: self-balancing, battery powered boards known as hoverboards, or any other electric wheeled boards, sometimes referred to as electronic skateboards or scooters, equipped with a rechargeable battery)
  - Using, possessing, charging, or storing in the residence hall is prohibited
  - Non self-balancing electric skateboards, eBikes, or electronic mobility devices for people with disabilities are permitted
- Neon Sign Lights (made of neon gas)
- Pets (except fish in accordance with animal policy)
- Directional Signage
  - Government/Traffic Signs
  - Traffic cones/Safety Cones
  - Wet Floor Signs
  - Exit Signs
- Road Signs/Traffic Control (such as government road signs, traffic cones)
- Wireless Routers (or other devices that interfere with the VCU Network/Wi-Fi)

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