Welcome to the residential community at SDSU! We designed this guide for you in hopes that it will help you navigate this exciting experience and feel more at ease about your new college home. Living on your own for the first time can be both exciting and scary. We want to provide you with adequate information for this important transition. In this document, you can find general information about living in the residential communities, as well as tips on how to live with roommate(s) who may be very different than yourself. We have also included university policies in this guidebook for your reference. Be sure to familiarize yourself with all of this critical information. As a member of our community, you will be held accountable for knowing and following these rules and maintaining the space you live in. It is our goal to create a safe and friendly living environment to help you reach your fullest potential and take full advantage of your college living experience.
This is your home for the next academic year. By signing your Student Housing License Agreement, you are indicating that you are an adult who is mature and capable of handling the opportunity of living in a community, as well as handling the responsibilities which include confronting someone who is violating your rights, being accountable for your behavior and recognizing the compromises necessary when living with other people. In adult life, all rights have corresponding responsibilities. You are responsible for your actions within a community, and those actions affect others. Be responsible and considerate of your community. Behaviors that do not reflect these actions can result in judicial action, eviction or paying restitution.

How to Use this Document:

**Step 1.** Read it!

**Step 2.** Bring it with you to your first floor meeting.

**Step 3.** Have the discussion about community living standards with your CA, roommate(s) and other residents.

**Step 4.** Complete the Community Living Agreement.
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DOWNLOAD OUR APP!

The SDSU Housing App gives students easy access to many essential services they will use on a daily basis. Download the app at the Apple App Store or Google Play, or go to housingapp.sdsu.edu.
MEET YOUR STAFF
At SDSU, there are many student and professional staff members available to assist you while you are living in the residential community.

RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION OFFICE

RESIDENCE HALL COORDINATOR (RHC)
Residence Hall Coordinators (RHCs) are full-time, master’s level professionals who live in the residential communities. The RHCs work with building staff and residents to provide a link to all the resources of the university and assist residents in developing a positive residential community. Every RHC supervises a Front Desk Security Manager and the part-time Resident Advisors who live on every floor of the community. The RHCs also advise the Apartment Council, maintain hall security, meet with students regarding student conduct issues and coordinate hall activities and programs.

FRONT DESK SECURITY MANAGER (FDSM)
Front Desk Security Managers (FDSMs) are experienced, full-time SDSU graduate student/staff members who provide leadership in residential community management issues. They assist the Residence Hall Coordinator in managing facility functions for residents in the community. Major responsibilities include assisting the RHC in overall community management and assuming primary responsibility for desk operations.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANT (CA)
Community Assistants (CAs) are full-time SDSU students who have had intensive training on various issues that affect upperclass students (sophomores and above). CAs serve as facilitators for community building and are available to listen to your concerns and help you seek additional help when necessary. CAs are also responsible for bringing inappropriate conduct to a resident’s attention.
DESK ASSISTANT

Desk Assistants (DAs) are the front desk student-staff members responsible for assisting you with customer service, monitoring the security of the building, disseminating information and equipment, processing mail and enforcing expectations related to safety procedures.

REZCON ASSISTANTS (RCA)

RezCon Assistants (RCAs) help you get your computer set up and connected to online services, including email and internet. RCAs can only help you with network connectivity issues. For general computing questions, call the Student Computing Help Desk or your computer’s manufacturer.

FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE (FIR)

Faculty-in-Residence (FIRs) serve as liaisons between SDSU faculty and students. These San Diego State University faculty members live in apartments located within the campus residential communities. They work closely and cooperatively with the residential staff. Together, they develop academic communities and meet the needs of residents by encouraging their intellectual stimulation and academic success.

CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE

Keeping your living area clean and in good repair is a shared responsibility. Custodial and maintenance staff are members of the residential community team and work together with students in maintaining the facilities. Please see the “Services” section for more details.
RESIDENCE HALL LEADERSHIP

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

RHA

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the student voice for all of the SDSU residential communities, connecting students to campus entities such as the Housing Administration, Residential Education and Associated Students. Representatives from each community meet weekly with the SDSU RHA executive and programming boards to address issues affecting residents. Residents participating in RHA also have an opportunity to be involved in the creation and implementation of social and educational events and budgets and policies for the residential communities. RHA sponsors campus wide residential community activities, such as Vegas Nights, Valentine-grams, the “Hall-iday” and many others. Student delegations within the SDSU RHA also represent students living in SDSU’s residential communities at regional and national conferences.

APARTMENT COUNCIL

Apartment Council is the student voice of residents in a particular apartment or residential community. The councils meet regularly to address important issues specific to the apartment or community.

SPEAR

The SPEAR (Special Programs, Events, Activities & Recreation) board plans and implements late night social programs and events for residential community students, specifically on the weekends. These programs are designed to offer safe alternatives for social engagement. Some events include a late-night dance party, Ghost Glow, Shake Your Shamrock and many others throughout the year.
YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER

As a member of the SDSU residence hall community, you have an equal set of rights and responsibilities.

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<td>Develop your own lifestyle.</td>
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<td>Consider all public areas as shared living areas.</td>
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<td>Use lounges for scheduled hall events.</td>
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<td>Form an Apartment Council to serve the interests of residents.</td>
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<td>Politely confront another resident with concerns. If you cannot agree, a CA may act as a mediator.</td>
<td>Directly confront those who infringe on your rights. Listen to another person’s concerns before responding. Respond politely. Refrain from talking about someone behind their back. Confront one another with issues before contacting a staff member.</td>
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<td>Govern your space maturely.</td>
<td>Understand policies and procedures in the Housing License Agreement you signed, which are in effect at all times. Take responsibility for inappropriate actions and accept consequences.</td>
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<td>A community environment free from harassment.</td>
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<td>No unwelcome touching.</td>
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<td>Live in a place where you are respected.</td>
<td>Treat community members respectfully regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, heritage, religion or disability. Tell no insulting jokes and confront others who do.</td>
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<td>A safe and secure living environment.</td>
<td>Never let a nonresident enter a building with you, report strangers in the hall, unprop open doors. Refrain from burning candles/incense.</td>
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<td>An alcohol and drug-free living/learning environment.</td>
<td>Follow SDSU, residence hall and state alcohol, drug and smoking policies.</td>
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<td>A supportive environment in which to live and study.</td>
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SUCCESSFUL ROOMMATE RELATIONS

Sharing a room and living in a community are learned skills. There are benefits to developing good relationship skills. The skills you build now will serve you later in life. College students are mature and capable of handling the responsibilities of living in a campus community. These responsibilities include confronting someone who is violating your rights, being accountable for your responsibilities and behaviors, as well as recognizing your own behavior and that compromises are necessary for living with other people. In order to successfully live with others, communication is a necessity.

Differences are normal and provide opportunities for growth and learning about others and their lifestyles. Some roommates will become close friends while others may never be close, but will live together respectfully. Each roommate owes the other the courtesy of speaking to each other first if conflict arises.

Be prepared to discuss your preferences with your roommate(s) in order to reach mutual understanding for your Roommate Agreement. The Roommate Agreement will be completed during your first week of school. It can be utilized as a point of reference should future conflicts arise between you and your roommate(s).

CREATING A COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENT

Our commitment to community is based on sound assumptions:

Living in the residential community is an extension of the classroom learning experience. Residential communities provide a unique opportunity to put citizenship development into practice. We strive to promote human dignity, civility and mutual appreciation for the uniqueness of each member of our community and the basic values of intellectual honesty, tolerance and mutual respect.

The opportunity to live with diverse individuals is central to the mission of the university. All people having freedom from discrimination, harassment and violence is fundamental to the success of our community. While freedom of speech will be protected, the residential community will speak out against intolerance and abusive behavior.

Conflicts will happen in learning to live with other adults. Some residents will be best friends for life, while others will live together respectfully without becoming close friends. As an adult, you are expected to discuss, negotiate and sign a Community Living and Roommate Agreement. Changes can be made at any time. Always discuss problematic issues with involved individuals as a first course of action. Community Assistants and Residence Hall Coordinators can assist with conflict resolution and problem solving if initial discussions do not resolve an issue.

Growth often results from dealing with conflict. Dealing positively with personal differences helps prepare you for life beyond college. In group living, it is essential that you actively participate in
your own individual growth and the development of your residential community.

Keeping in mind that policies and procedures in your Student Housing License Agreement are in effect at all times, what are some additional guidelines you would like to create in order to have the most positive living experience possible? Try to explain your wishes in the Community Living Agreement.

At the conclusion of your second community meeting, a Community Living Agreement will be created and you will be asked to sign it. It is to your benefit to participate in the process since all members will be held to the agreement.
ECO LIVING FOR AZTECS

Small actions repeated every day can significantly reduce your personal impact on the environment.

ELECTRICITY

☐ Turn off your lights when you leave your room and use natural lighting whenever possible.
☐ Switch out your incandescent light bulbs for energy efficient LED ones in your desk and floor lamps.
☐ Unplug anything not in use to prevent phantom energy leaks; even if they’re off, plugged in electronics still use energy.
☐ Use a power strip or surge protector to turn off multiple electronics at once.

LAUNDRY

☐ When doing laundry, wash in a cold cycle — it cleans just as well as a hot cycle does and uses less energy (90 percent of the energy used by washers goes to heating water).
☐ Wash full loads of laundry and use concentrated, environmentally friendly detergent.
☐ Wash and dry your clothes outside of peak energy usage hours; plan for before noon or after sunset.
☐ If you have the space, purchase a clothes drying rack to save energy and money.

WATER

☐ Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and also while shaving or scrubbing your hands with soap.
☐ Limit your shower duration to 5-7 minutes.
☐ Fill your reusable water bottle at the hydration stations around campus.

RECYCLING

☐ Learn and follow campus waste and recycling guidelines; almost everything is recyclable.
☐ Think before you print and if you do need a paper copy, print double sided.
☐ Separate your e-waste (anything with a cord or battery) then enter a service request and we’ll pick up and dispose of your old light bulbs and electronics.
☐ Drop your batteries at the front desk in your building for proper disposal.
The Residential Education and Housing Administration staff strives to provide a safe, on-campus living environment for you to live and learn. We encourage you to become familiar with the safety information and emergency procedures provided in this section.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### If any emergency occurs, call 911 or 619-594-1991 for University Police and contact the CA on Duty at the front desk right away.

Emergencies include fire, sickness, accidents or a threatening situation. The university recommends that families create an emergency communication plan in case of national or regional emergencies. Please complete a plan before arriving on campus. Review information on the following website for suggestions: [ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

During a campus emergency, additional information may be found at [newscenter.sdsu.edu](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu).

Prior to move-in, residents are required to complete an emergency contact information page on your Housing Portal through the Housing License Agreement process. All of the information provided is kept confidential. This is to assist emergency responders in the case of a medical emergency. It is important that all requested information is completed, including your contact in case of an emergency and your contact in case you are reported missing.

### In an emergency, call
**911 or 619-594-1991**

### Create an emergency plan.

### Residents are required to complete an emergency contacts page through the Housing Portal.

In the event of any major crisis, find or stay with your residential community group or CA until you are officially accounted for and released. Call a family member as soon as possible to let them know you are safe. In your room, keep three gallons of drinking water and a personal emergency kit at all times.

### ACTIVE SHOOTER OR VIOLENT INTRUDER:

Be aware of your surroundings and any unusual activity. Take note of emergency notifications (text messages, emails and announcements). If you are in a room, stay there and lock the door or barricade the door with furniture. Remain quiet (silence cell phones) and evaluate the situation. If safe to do so, call 911 to notify University Police. If you cannot speak, leave the line open to allow the dispatcher to listen. As a last resort, and only if your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt or incapacitate the suspect by acting aggressively, throwing items or yelling. If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the location. Leave personal items behind, keep your hands visible and empty and follow instructions of law enforcement.

### FIRE SAFETY

Fire alarm systems in the SDSU residential communities are reliable and use state-of-the-art technology. The campus fire alarm network is monitored by University Police. Alarms are very
ALARMS AND BUILDING EVACUATIONS

All residents and guests are required to evacuate the building if an alarm is sounded. Please read the emergency procedures posted on the back of your door once you arrive and become familiar with the procedures.

» University and city ordinances consider fire regulation and evacuation drills essential.
» Alarms and fire equipment must not be disturbed except in actual emergencies (California Penal Code Section 148.4). Violators will be prosecuted.
» A continual alarm signals evacuation by all students and guests.
» Use the closest available stairwell (or gate if applicable) to exit.
» At the first sound of an alarm, the staff member on duty will immediately shut down the elevators.
» In drills and real emergencies, building staff have the same authority as representatives of the Fire Department.
» All rooms must be evacuated.
» Residents may re-enter the building only when notified by staff that it is safe to do so.
» Failure to evacuate in a timely manner and follow the instructions of university staff will result in judicial action.

EARTHQUAKE

Residents are expected to keep these supplies in their room:

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Heavy gloves, shoes and a blanket
- Three gallons of drinking water
- First aid kit
- Supply of necessary medications

In the event of an earthquake:

» Don’t run outside.
» If indoors, watch for objects that could fall on you, such as light fixtures, furniture and ceiling tiles. Stay away from mirrors, windows and swinging doors. Try to get under a table, desk, bed or stand in a doorway.

In a high-rise building, get under a desk or table. Do not dash for exits as stairways may be broken or jammed with people. Power for elevators may fail.

» If outside, avoid buildings, power poles and other objects which could fall; move to an open area.
» Do not go inside a building.
» In a car, stop in the safest space possible.

Sensitive. In order to ensure your safety, alarms can be inadvertently set off by carelessness in cooking, use of appliances or smoke, as well as more dangerous reasons. Nevertheless, all alarms must be taken seriously and all residents must immediately evacuate.

Each and every device (pull-station, smoke detector, heat detector, etc.) has a specific address programmed into the controller. If a problem is evident, the controller will know exactly which detector or alarm is sounding, and then transmit that information to University Police.

Fire alarm systems were installed for your protection. The campus has had numerous cases of residents
attempting to disable smoke detectors or remove them from their rooms. The safety of our residents has been taken into consideration and maintaining the integrity of our systems is managed with the assistance of all residents.

Students tampering with any part of any system, in any manner, will be reviewed for immediate eviction, judicial and legal action. Please be advised that all repairs made necessary due to tampering with fire alarm equipment will be charged to the resident. Furthermore, in accordance with California Penal Code Section 148.4(a)(1), tampering with a fire alarm or life safety system may be considered a felony. If you notice a problem with the fire alarm system, please don’t hesitate to contact your front desk.

**IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATOR**

For fire inside your room:

1. Call 911 or 619-594-1991 to contact University Police. Give your exact location. Tell them what’s burning.

2. Activate the fire alarm pull station, if available.

3. If you cannot safely extinguish the fire, evacuate the area. Close all doors as you leave. Take your keys.

**For fire outside your room:**

1. Feel the door. If it is hot, don’t open it. Call 911 or 619-594-1991 to contact University Police and tell them the situation and exact location. Seal bottom of door with towel or other material to keep out smoke. Move away from the door.

2. If the door is not hot, open it cautiously. Walk to the closest safe stairwell. If smoke is present – stay low. Walk downstairs. Go up only if downward movement is not safe.

Prepare in advance. Count the doors between your room and stairwell in case the hallway is dark or smoky.

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The above is based on the A.L.I.C.E. response program, designed to increase your chances of surviving an active shooter or violent intruder event on campus. The program utilizes five key components - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Escape - and encourages community members to take an active role in their own survival.
For more information about sexual violence and prevention information at SDSU, please contact Jessica Rentto, Title IX Coordinator, in Administration, Room 320, or at jrentto@mail.sdsu.edu, or 619-594-6017. You can also refer to sdsutalks.sdsu.edu/sdsutalks.

SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING

SDSU is committed to a community free from crimes of sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual harassment and stalking. All members of the university community share responsibility for upholding this policy as we strive to attain our goal of a violence-free community.

Individuals alleged to have committed sexual assault may face criminal prosecution by law enforcement and may incur penalties as a result of civil litigation. In addition, employees and students may face discipline/sanctions at the university. Employees may face sanctions up to and including dismissal from employment, per established CSU policies and provisions of applicable collective bargaining unit agreements. Students charged with sexual discrimination, harassment or violence will be subject to discipline, pursuant to the California State University Student Conduct Procedures (see Executive Order 1098 at go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/srr/discipline.aspx) and will be subject to appropriate sanctions. In addition, during any investigation, the university may implement interim measures in order to maintain a safe and non-discriminatory educational environment. Such measures may include immediate interim suspension from the university, required move from university-owned or affiliated housing, adjustment to course schedule or prohibition from contact with parties involved in the alleged incident.

SDSU’s primary concern is the safety of its campus community members. The use of alcohol or drugs never makes the victim at fault for sexual discrimination, harassment or violence; therefore, victims should not be deterred from reporting incidents of sexual violence out of a concern that they might be disciplined for related violations of drug, alcohol or other university policies. Except in extreme circumstances, victims of sexual violence shall not be subject to discipline for related violations of the Student Conduct Code.

TITLE IX NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

San Diego State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender or sexual orientation in its education programs or activities. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and certain other federal and state laws, prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs and activities operated by SDSU (both on and off campus). Title IX protects all people regardless of their gender or gender identity from sex discrimination, which includes sexual harassment and violence:

» **Sexual Discrimination** means an adverse act of sexual discrimination (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) that is perpetrated against an individual on a basis prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., and its implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Title IX); California Education Code §66250 et seq., and/or California Government Code §11135.

» **Sexual Harassment** is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that includes, but is not limited to, sexual violence, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, indecent exposure and other verbal, nonverbal or physical unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, where such conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that its effect, whether or not intended could be considered by a reasonable person in the shoes of the individual, and is, in fact, considered by the individual, as limiting the individual’s ability to participate in or benefit from the
services, activities or opportunities offered by the university. Sexual harassment also includes gender based harassment, which may include acts of verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation or hostility based on sex or sex stereotyping, even if those acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

» Sexual Violence means physical sexual acts (such as unwelcome sexual touching, sexual assault, sexual battery and rape) perpetrated against an individual without consent or against an individual who is incapable of giving consent due to that individual’s use of drugs or alcohol or disability.

Who to Contact If You Have Complaints, Questions or Concerns:

Title IX requires the university to designate a Title IX Coordinator to monitor and oversee overall Title IX compliance. SDSU’s Title IX Coordinator is available to explain and discuss: your right to file a criminal complaint (sexual assault and violence); the university’s complaint process, including the investigation process; how confidentiality is handled; available resources, both on and off campus; and other related matters. If you are in the midst of an emergency, please call the police immediately by dialing 911.

Title IX Coordinator:
Jessica Rentto
Associate Vice President, Administration
Division of Business & Financial Affairs
5500 Campanile Drive San Diego, CA 92182-1620
619-594-6017
jrentto@mail.sdsu.edu

Duties and Responsibilities: Monitoring and oversight of overall implementation of Title IX Compliance at the university, including coordination of training, education, communications and administration of grievance procedures for faculty, staff, students and other members of the university community.

Title IX Deputy Coordinator:
Dr. Lee Mintz
Director, Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7443
619-594-3069
lmintz@mail.sdsu.edu

If you have a complaint against an SDSU student for sexual harassment, sex discrimination or sexual assault, you should contact Dr. Lee Mintz. Dr. Mintz is responsible for Title IX compliance for matters involving students, including training, education, communication and administration of grievance procedure for all complaints against SDSU students.

Office of Employee Relations and Compliance
Heather Bendinelli
Director, Office of Employee Relations and Compliance
5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1695
619-594-6464
hbendinelli@mail.sdsu.edu

If you have a complaint against an SDSU faculty or staff member, or visitor for sexual harassment, sex discrimination or sexual assault, you should contact the Office of Employee Relations and Compliance.

The Office of Employee Relations and Compliance Director is responsible for Title IX compliance for matters involving faculty and staff, including training, education, communication and administration of grievance procedure for all complaints against faculty, staff and visitors, including those complaints filed by students.
EACH RESIDENT IS VIEWED AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS AND THOSE OF THEIR GUESTS.
THIS IS YOUR HOME

When you signed your Housing License to live with us, you agreed to live by the policies* and standards of conduct for SDSU Housing found both in this Handbook and in the License Agreement. Being held accountable to these standards provides educational opportunities that encourage students to evaluate their own actions and decisions and to acquire skills to make good choices.

These Policies and Regulations govern all occupants of Granada, Piedra del Sol, South Campus Plaza North (Upper Division community members), Villa Alvarado and Tarastec apartments. They have been designed to benefit individual students as well as the entire residential community. By completing and signing the Student Housing License Agreement and taking occupancy of a residence hall room or apartment, you hereby agree to abide by all of these Policies and Regulations. Any resident who, by virtue of behavior toward themselves, staff or other residents, shows an inability to live in a group setting under these Policies and Regulations, or refuses intervention by Housing staff or other university officials, will be subject to removal from housing. Sanctions for violating any one or more of these Policies and Regulations include a range of disciplinary actions up to and including eviction, restitution, and legal action, even if the sanction is not specifically delineated within the specific policy below. Multiple violations of any combination of these policies may result in eviction, whereas certain violations — violations of law (including vandalism); any form of abuse, assault or harassment, including of staff; weapons violations; health and safety violations; and fire/life safety violations — usually result in eviction on the first offense.

*These policies are subject to change, without notice.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Each resident is viewed as a responsible person who will be held accountable for their own actions and those of their guests. When misconduct is reported, the campus will take appropriate action in accordance with campus policy and in consultation with the University Police Department and/or campus administration as necessary. Incident investigation requires adequate time for completion before any action will be taken.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. No resident or guest under 21 years of age may possess or consume alcohol in an on-campus residential community.
   a. Neither residents nor guests of any age may possess or consume hard liquor, such as whiskey, rum, vodka etc. in a residential community.
   b. The possession of empty alcohol containers, including shot glasses, may be considered evidence of consumption of alcohol previously contained therein.
   c. No person under 21 years of age may be in the presence of alcoholic beverages.
   d. Gross consumption of alcohol and the results of such consumption (such as disruptive or destructive behavior, vomiting or urinating on floors and in hallways, incidents or conditions necessitating extra care by staff, and other such acts) are prohibited.
   e. Guests, of any age, are not permitted to bring alcohol into a residential community.
   f. Residents or guests of any age may not possess alcohol or drug consuming devices/paraphernalia.

2. Residents 21 years of age or older may possess and consume beer and wine under the following conditions:
   a. Only in of-age Licensee’s room or apartment (not including balcony) with the door(s) closed, with no one under 21 present at any time.
   b. Licensee’s guest(s) age 21 or older, may consume beer and wine only in Licensee’s room or apartment (not including balcony) with the door(s) closed, with no one under 21 present at any time.
   c. No residential community with one or two residents age 21 or over may contain more than a total of 72 oz. of beer or 750 ml. of wine, including sparkling wine.
   d. No residential community with three or more residents age 21 or over may contain more than a total of 72 oz. of beer or 750 ml. of wine, including sparkling wine.

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
residents age 21 or over, may contain more than a total of 144 oz. of beer or 1500 ml. of wine.

3. In addition to these policies, residents are expected to abide by the university alcohol policy, which applies to all campus living environments. The university alcohol policy can be viewed online at go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/healthpromotion/aodsualcoholsubstancepolicies.aspx.

**APPLIANCEs**

University-provided refrigerators, stoves and microwaves are provided in apartments for food preparation or storage. No hot plates (including candle warmers), grills or electric water coolers are permitted in residential communities. All cooking appliances must be kept in the kitchen area (if applicable). Space heaters are prohibited in all residential community apartments. No personal refrigerators are permitted in any student room or apartment. Violations will result in disciplinary action and any monetary charges for costs attributed to removal or repairs will be the responsibility of the licensee.

**BATHROOMS**

Residents and their guests are not permitted to enter or use bathrooms designated for the gender of which they do not identify.

**BICYCLES**

Bicycles are not permitted in buildings (including residential community rooms) or in courtyards, patios or balconies. Bicycles may be stored only in the designated bike storage area near or adjacent to a residential community during occupancy. Bicycles placed or stored in any other location will be impounded.

**CANDLES, INCENSE AND OTHER FLAMMABLES**

The burning of any materials, including incense or candles, is prohibited except when prior written request and written approval has been obtained from the Director of Housing Administration and/or Director of Residential Education (or their designee) for the purpose of religious or spiritual observance only. Plug in fragrance devices are also prohibited in residential community.

**CLEANLINESS, HEALTH AND HYGIENE**

Reasonable efforts by individuals must be made to maintain proper personal cleanliness and hygiene. Online room inspections are available on the resident's Housing Portal after move-in. Any resident who does not complete their online room inspection within 72 hours waives their right to contest any damage charges. Rooms, apartments and suites must be kept clean and sanitary at all times, including proper disposal of empty food and beverage containers. Residents may not violate these regulations or interfere with the safe and clean environment of others. Residents are prohibited from activities that violate any health code. The university reserves the right to inspect suites, rooms and apartments on an as-needed basis. If any room, suite or apartment is found to be cause of a health and safety violation, the university may have the room, suite or apartment cleaned at the expense of the resident and/or roommate(s) and/or suitemates. Charges for pest control services will be added, if needed.

**CLOSE DOWN OVER BREAKS**
During Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring breaks, residents who leave the residential communities for extended periods of time must unplug all electrical items, except permitted kitchen appliances.

COMMERCIAL VENTURES AND SOLICITATION

Commercial solicitation and solicitation of any non-university related or supported activities are prohibited. Requests related to university related or supported activities are subject to the approval of the Director of Residential Education or designee. Door-to-door solicitation is prohibited at all times. Additionally, residents are prohibited from knowingly or willfully permitting solicitors from entering the residential communities to solicit. Licensee agrees to not use any area of the residential communities for commercial or non-residential purposes.

COMMUNITY LIVING

Residents agree to conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive for fellow residents to study, live and sleep. Each resident also agrees to demonstrate reasonable efforts to resolve roommate and/or community issues. Residents are expected to report violations of the License Agreement to staff members.

DAMAGES AND VANDALISM

Residents and/or their guests who accidentally or intentionally damage or vandalize any residential community property and/or property belonging to any member of the campus community, will be required to make restitution for repairs and/or replacement at the resident’s expense and disciplinary action will be pursued. Hanging heavy items on the back of doors is prohibited.

DECORATING AND POSTING

Posters and decorations may be attached only to interior walls and only with materials that will not cause any permanent damage. Charges will be assessed for damages resulting from improper attachment at a minimum rate of $40. Exterior wires, signs, aerials or satellite dishes are not allowed. Painting of rooms is not allowed. Posting of any materials on exterior surface of room doors is prohibited, except for name identification and SDSU-approved and supplied dry erase message boards. Posting items in or on windows and...
ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Extension cords are not permitted. UL-approved, grounded power strips with circuit breakers should be used for all electrical equipment including computer and computer-related hardware. A maximum of two power strips may be used per room, in separate outlets. No modifications to, or changes in, electrical wiring are permitted. No “splices,” “octopuses” or modification devices of any kind may be used to add plugs in a resident’s room or apartment. Excessive electrical equipment is prohibited. Residents in rooms or apartments found to generate circuit overloads will be investigated. Repeat violations will result in disciplinary action and any charges for costs attributed to removal or repairs will be the responsibility of the resident.

ELEVATORS (IF APPLICABLE)

If an elevator malfunctions, press the alarm and stay inside until help arrives. Do not attempt to jump up and down, pry open or hit doors or climb out. Licensee will be charged the cost to retrieve items dropped down shafts, or repairs due to Licensee or their guests’ negligence or damage, including
damages resulting from exceeding the posted elevator capacity.

**FAKE IDS**

The use, display, production and/or possession of fake or fraudulent forms of identification, including identification that belongs to another person, is prohibited. Such IDs will be turned over to the University Police. Violations may result in both legal and disciplinary action.

**FENCES AND GATES**

Fences are designed for the safety of the residential community. Students are not permitted to climb over/under fences or prop gates open, thereby compromising the safety of the community.

**FIRE ALARMS AND FIRE SAFETY**

Tampering with, disabling, deactivating, removing, covering or improperly activating fire safety detection equipment including fire extinguishers, fire alarms, sprinklers and smoke detectors is prohibited. Any resident and/or guest of a resident responsible for violation are subject to eviction and criminal and civil penalties. Door closers must not be removed and doors with door closers cannot be propped open. Use of prohibited cooking or other devices that cause activation of the system will result in disciplinary action and a charge for costs attributed to the alarm. During a fire alarm or other emergency where evacuation is required, residents must immediately exit the building.

**FOOD SERVICE**

While in any campus dining facility, the Licensee agrees to bus dining tables and pick up any trash left behind in order to promote a more pleasant dining environment. Shoes and shirts are required to be worn at all times. Licensees may not allow others to use the Licensee’s meal plan.

**FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION**

Residents must provide accurate and truthful information, including properly identifying themselves and guest(s), upon request by university staff.

**GAMBLING**

Gambling is prohibited in all residential communities and on all university grounds.

**GUEST POLICY**

1. A guest is any person who is permitted by a Licensee, and approved by the Residential Education Office, to occupy, visit, and/or reside in, for a limited time, a housing facility. Visitors and guests, including residents of other on-campus housing buildings, must be escorted and in attendance by Licensee at all times. A Licensee accepts responsibility for the behavior of his/her guests and must inform guests of university regulations. The Licensees of a residential community and their guest(s) may not exceed double the occupancy of the housing facility at any time.

2. Residents living in designated Housing-over-the-break may have only one guest at a time during break periods.

3. Overnight guest(s) privileges are extended to residents on a temporary and occasional basis only after securing approval from any and all roommates, and registering the guest(s) with the residential education staff. Overnight guests must be housed only in the hosting resident’s room. An overnight guest is considered anyone whose visit lasts more than six hours, beginning
or falling between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The same guest may not stay in a residential community for more than eight (8) nights per calendar month. Disciplinary action will be taken and a guest fee will be charged to the resident for any guest whose stay exceeds this limit. The university reserves the right to deny access to any person.

HALOGEN LAMPS
Halogen lamps of any type are prohibited in the residential community.

LOCKOUT KEY, SDSUCARD AND ACCESS
When the resident moves into the residential community, they are provided a room key(s), swipe card or other form of access device. Lost or stolen keys/SDSUcards access devices must be reported within 24 hours at the residential community’s front desk and a lock change will be ordered. A lost key or card poses a security risk. Report a lost or stolen SDSUcard to the SDSU Card Office via their website, sdsucard.sdsu.edu. This will immediately deactivate your SDSUcard. Speak with your front desk to receive a temporary replacement card. Resident will be billed for lost/stolen keys, and/or swipe cards and/or access devices in all the residential communities. Residents must exercise care in usage of these items. These access items may not be given/loaned to any person other than specifically assigned resident. Staff will assist residents in room entry and the resident will be charged $25 per entry, regardless of reason for lock out. Staff may not be readily available and the resident may be required to wait. Multiple incidents may result in disciplinary action.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES
Motorized vehicles may not be operated, charged or stored inside any residential community or dining facility. This includes, but is not limited to motorcycles, mopeds, hoverboards, self balancing scooter boards, two wheeled scooters, Segways, carts, etc. Motorized vehicles used for documented disabilities are exempt from this policy.
MISTREATMENT OF STAFF

Threats, harassment, abusive behavior, unwanted touching and any other mistreatment of staff are grounds for university disciplinary action, eviction and criminal prosecution.

NOISE

1. Quiet hours are observed from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from midnight to 10:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. During quiet hours, residents and guests must limit noise so it is not detectable outside of individual rooms. During quiet hours, noise levels are also limited in public areas, including hallways, recreation/study rooms, balconies, pools and outdoor areas.

2. During final examination periods, all halls will observe quiet hours 24 hours per day beginning at 9:00 p.m. two (2) days prior to the university’s first scheduled final examination and ending at the close of the buildings and/or the end of the university’s last scheduled final examination.

3. During times not designated as quiet hours, residents and their guests must limit noise so as to reasonably avoid disturbing other residents. Loud talking or group gatherings that disturb others are not permitted.

4. Amplified sound, playing of drums or other loud instruments, as well as noisy games, electronics, etc., are prohibited at all times in the residential communities.

5. The Noise Policy also applies to loud talking and group gatherings outside the residential communities.

6. General custodial and maintenance activities are exempted. Specific projects performed by contractors may start at 7:00 a.m.

ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKS

Licensee will be held accountable for postings depicting or describing violations of residential community regulations and campus policies.

PASSIVE INVOLVEMENT

Residents are responsible for choices they make. In the presence of a policy violation, residents may attempt to stop the violation, contact residential staff and/or immediately remove themselves from the situation and the vicinity of the violation. If a resident chooses to remain at the scene of a policy violation, they will be included on the Incident Report and may be held accountable for a policy violation.

PETS

Animals of any kind, except fish in a bowl up to 2-gallon capacity, are not allowed in the residence hall rooms, in the hall common areas, or on the premises, except as otherwise required by law and authorized by the Director of Housing Administration. Residents may not feed/shelter stray animals. Residents are obligated to tell residential community staff about stray animals so appropriate action can be taken to remove and protect the animal.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Persons in bedrooms, bathrooms and dressing areas may not be filmed, recorded or photographed without specific written resident consent.

PHYSICAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

Abusive physical and verbal behavior, and threats of physical abuse toward residents, guests or staff, are violations of policy and will not be tolerated. Such conduct may be grounds for disciplinary action, removal from the
residential community, eviction and/or criminal prosecution. Examples of prohibited conduct include, but are not limited to sexual and racial harassment, threats of violence, sexual assault, fighting, punching, slapping, kicking, scratching and pushing. Practical jokes and pranks or other disruptions are prohibited in the campus community.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The university reserves the right to close the residential communities if such a closure is required to protect the public health and/or safety of residents.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

1. Residents must present their SDSUcard and/or building identification every time they enter their residential community or if asked by a university official. Keys, swipe cards and access devices are for residents only; lending these items or SDSUcards to another individual is not allowed. Possession of an SDSUcard for a building that the Licensee does not live in is against policy.

2. Emergency equipment, including fire alarms, AEDs and smoke detectors may not be tampered with at any time.

3. Room signs and directional signals may not be tampered with or removed.

4. Public doors may not be propped open unless utilizing state fire marshal-approved systems.

5. All rooms, suites and apartments are subject to regular safety and maintenance inspections by the staff.

6. All first floor rooms have university provided window/door security screens for the security of residents.

Residents may not enter or exit a room, suite or apartment through the windows except for emergency, safety and/or security purposes. Residents will be billed to replace window/door security bars that are damaged.

SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS

The use of scooters, roller blades and skateboards within the residential communities and on, or adjacent to, university property is prohibited and such users are subject to citation and fine by the University Police, as well as disciplinary action.

SDSU RESIDENTIAL HOUSING NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The university provides wireless connections to all of the residential communities. Internet access is not guaranteed and may not be available to some residents under certain circumstances. University policy describes what use is acceptable and appropriate for your residential network connection. By connecting to or using a network connection in your residence, a Licensee agrees to abide by university policies. It is strongly recommended that the Licensee review the university’s Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) at it.sdsu.edu/security/policies.aspx, which is incorporated into this License Agreement. The Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities, Business Affairs, Academic Affairs, SDSU Human Resources or law enforcement officials, as appropriate, will adjudicate violations of the Acceptable Use Policy. The SDSU Computing Security Officer may temporarily suspend network privileges of any university user while suspected violations are being investigated or adjudicated, even if it affects network services of roommate(s).
and/or suitemates. If a Licensee’s network privileges are suspended, the Licensee must pay to be reconnected. A Licensee’s network privileges will be permanently revoked after the third violation. Depending on the severity of the violation, a Licensee’s network privileges may be revoked after one violation.

SLACKLINING AND HAMMOCKING

Slacklining and hammocking are prohibited on Housing property.

SMOKING

SDSU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking hookahs and water pipes is prohibited in all university buildings, including residential communities, student rooms, lounges, recreation rooms, public areas, hallways, stairwells, balconies, walkways, courtyards and pool areas. Smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas including courtyards and community centers.

Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or vapor-producing tobacco product. Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes (clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos, hookah smoked products and oral tobacco (spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff). The SDSU Smoking policy may be found at smokefree.sdsu.edu.

SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming in a residential community pool is limited to residents and their guest(s). No lifeguard is on duty at any time and swimming is at each person’s own risk. Pool use hours are dawn to dusk each day except during Residential Education, Residence Hall Association or Hall Council sponsored events that must end by quiet hours. Portable swimming pools are prohibited in all residential communities and on all university grounds.
THEFT
Theft of campus property, or property in the possession of, or owned by, a member of the campus community, is prohibited. This includes borrowing without specific prior approval and the relocation of lounge or common area furniture.

THROWING OBJECTS
Balls, sports equipment and any other item may not be used inside the residential communities and fire lanes. No object may be thrown or dropped from a window, balcony or opening.

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OR USE
Unauthorized entry into, unauthorized use of, or misuse of personal or campus property is prohibited. This includes the use of emergency exit doors when no emergency exists.

UTILITIES
In an effort to conserve energy, individual apartments will be billed when electricity usage exceeds $35.00 per person per month. This policy only applies to Piedra del Sol, Granada, Villa Alvarado and Tarastec Apartments.

VIDEO CAMERAS
Video cameras may be located in the residential community elevators and other common areas (e.g., lobby, lounge, laundry room, hallways, dining facilities, etc.) for the protection of residents. Exterior cameras may monitor outside areas near the residential communities. Covering, breaking, damaging or tampering with video cameras is a violation of policy and will result in disciplinary action.

WEAPONS
Firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, highly flammable materials, weapons, projectile devices, guns or knives, tasers, swords, hatchets, or replica weapons, lasers or any other weapon or material or instrument which poses a risk of damage or injury is strictly prohibited and a violation of the law.
Definitions (in all cases include, but are not limited to, the following):

» **Firearms:** Any gun, rifle, pistol or handgun designed to fire bullets, BB pellets or shots (including paint balls or darts) regardless of the propellant used. This includes air-soft guns, ornamental rifles used for ROTC training and “replica” weapons.

» **Weapons:** Any instrument of combat possessed or carried for the purpose of inflicting or threatening bodily injury, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy club, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles or tasers. Replica weapons used for classes or student activities are prohibited.

» **Knives:** Dirks, daggers, ice picks, pocket knives or knives having a fixed blade longer than 2 1/2 inches (California Penal Code 626.10). This does not apply to the lawful use of cutlery and other eating implements used in food preparation and consumption.

**WINDOWS, BALCONIES AND PATIOS**

Window screens are not to be removed, loosened or altered. Residents will be billed for breaking the seal, including the tamper tag, on an operable screen and will be billed the cost to replace, reinstall or repair damages (when applicable) to any screen. Residents may not enter or exit a room, suite or apartment through the windows except for emergency, safety and/or security purposes. No items, except patio furniture designed for outdoor use, may be placed on balconies and patios. Hangings, partitions or curtains of any type may not be used on balconies or patios. These areas shall not be used for storage of furniture, barbecues, bicycles or other items including hanging of laundry. Unauthorized entry to other residents’ rooms, window sills, roofs, ledges and balconies is prohibited.
BUILDING AMENITIES ORIENTATION
KEYS

EXTERNAL CARD READER (IF APPLICABLE)

Use your SDSUcard to open the front door of the building. Your SDSUcard will only grant you access to the building that you live in. If you lose or break your SDSUcard, report it lost to the SDSU Card Office via their website sdsucard.sdsu.edu. This will immediately deactivate your SDSUcard. Speak with your front desk to be issued a temporary replacement card until you have received your new SDSUcard.

EXTERNAL KEYS (IF APPLICABLE)

Use your external key to open the front door/gates of the building. Your external key will only grant access to the building that you live in. If you lose your key, put in a service request with your building to request a new one and ask the front desk for a temporary key. If your key breaks or bends, put in a service request for a new one and bring the broken key to the front desk. If your key breaks or bends, you will not be subject to the replacement fee.

APARTMENT KEYS (IF APPLICABLE)

Use your apartment key to open your apartment door. If you lose your key, enter a service request with your building to request a new one and ask the front desk for a temporary key. If your key breaks or bends, put in a service request for a new one and bring the broken key to the front desk. If your key breaks or bends, you will not be subject to the replacement fee.

ROOM KEYS

Use your room key to open your room door. Your room key will open and lock both your apartment door and room. If you lose your key, put in a service request with your building to request a new one and ask the front desk for a temporary key. If you key breaks or bends, put in a service request for a new one and bring the broken key to the front desk. If your key breaks or bends, you will not be subject to the replacement fee.

WINDOW COVERINGS

To open the blinds, use the wand and move the blinds into the “open” position. Then use the pull string to pull the blinds up. To lower the blinds, pull the pull string once more to release them. If you open the blinds in the “closed” position, you will damage them.

WI-FI ACCESS

Connect to wireless internet with the eduroam wi-fi network. When prompted, enter your SDSUid and password. For more information, visit it.sdsu.edu/internet/eduroam.

If you are unable to connect, fill out the connection request form at rezcon.sdsu.edu.

TELEVISION SERVICE

Television service is provided by Philo, an IPTV service. Philo will allow you to stream live TV to your mobile devices and computers with each resident receiving up to 20 hours of DVR capacity. Watch TV at watch.philo.com and find set up instructions at housing.sdsu.edu/philotv.aspx. To use a TV, you will either need to purchase a Smart ROKU TV, a ROKU device 2nd generation or above, or connect your PC or MAC using an HDMI cable. If you are using a Smart ROKU TV, connect to wireless internet with the eduroam wi-fi network. If you are unable to connect, fill out the connection request form at rezcon.sdsu.edu.
HEATING AND COOLING

The recommended thermostat temperature for energy conservation is 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Close windows when using your AC or heat. If you are having trouble with your heat/air conditioning, submit a service request with your building.

ELECTRICITY

LIGHTS

In effort to conserve electricity, please always turn off room or lounge lights when they are not in use.

EXTENSION CORDS VS. POWER STRIPS

Extension cords are not permitted. UL approved, power strips with circuit breakers should be used for all electrical equipment including computer and computer related hardware. A maximum of two power strips may be used per room, in separate outlets. No modifications to, or changes in, electrical wiring are permitted. No “splices,” “octopuses,” or modification devices of any kind may be used to add plugs in resident’s room or apartment.

APPLIANCE OPERATION

HIGH PRIORITY MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL ISSUE REPORTING

Occasionally there are situations where high priority maintenance issues are reported to and appropriately logged as service requests by the desk assistants.

See the following list for high priority maintenance issues that should be called into the front desk as urgent to notify the Residence Hall Coordinator on duty to be attended to quickly.

All Halls/Apartments

» All flooding issues or excessive leaks
» Broken door/suite locks
» Continuous flushing toilets
» Bedbug reports
» Power outages
» Broken windows, especially 1st floors
» No hot water
» Biohazard or human waste cleanup
» Chronic issue (more than two service requests submitted)

Apartments only

» Clogged/Backed up kitchen or bathroom sinks

MICROFRIDGE (SOUTH CAMPUS PLAZA ONLY)

To use the MicroFridge microwave, press “cook time,” input desired time by using the number pad and press start. Use the handle to open and close the microwave door. Use the available options on the keypad for cooking if available (ex: Use the popcorn button rather than inputting a specific time if cooking popcorn) to reduce burning. Only use microwave safe dishes when using the microwave. The top door on the MicroFridge is the freezer. The bottom door is the refrigerator. Keep the temperature control on both the refrigerator and freezer at a medium temperature. Keep the unit plugged into the wall at all times. Be sure to keep the doors of the freezer and refrigerator closed when not in use to keep cold.

REFRIGERATOR

To use the refrigerator, open the door by using the handle. The top door on the refrigerator unit is the freezer. The larger bottom door is the refrigerator. Keep the temperature control on both the refrigerator and freezer at medium temperature. Keep the unit plugged
into the wall at all times. Be sure to keep the doors of both the refrigerator and freezer closed when not in use to keep cold.

**Oven**

To operate the oven, turn the designated knob to your desired temperature. All temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit. The light on the oven will turn off once it has fully heated. Do not forget to turn the oven off, by turning the knob to the “off” position, when done. Caution: When on, the oven can be very hot.

**Stove**

To operate the stove, turn the designated knob to your desired heat. Be very cautious while operating the stove, as the stove may become very hot when on. Do not forget to turn off the stove when done cooking by turning the knob into the “off” position. Leaving the stove unattended can lead to a fire hazard.

**Microwave**

Use the handle to open and close the microwave door. To use the microwave, input desired timer by using the number pad and press start. Use the available options on the keypad for cooking if available (ex: Use the popcorn button rather than inputting a specific time if cooking popcorn) to reduce burning. Only use microwave safe dishes when using the microwave. Do not overheat food.

**Dishwasher (if applicable)**

Rinse dishes prior to putting them in the dishwasher. Do not overload dishwasher. Place dishwasher detergent into specified area. Close and lock the dishwasher by turning lever. Turn knob to desired wash cycle and press start. Once dishwasher is done, empty dishes. Caution: Inside of dishwasher and dishes may be warm upon completion of cycle.

**Washer/Dryer**

**Common Washer**

To use, open door and pour detergent into washer followed by clothing articles. Close door once all of the articles are in the washer. Walk to the card reader. It will then instruct you to pay by swiping your SDSU card. Input your washer number. Select the washing cycle you would like on the washer and press the start button. Get laundry alerts on the SDSU Housing mobile app. You can view which machines are available and set notifications to alert you when your machine is finished.
In-Unit Washer (Granada Only)

To use, open lid and pour detergent into washer followed by clothing articles. Close lid once all of the articles are in the washer. Select the washing cycle you would like on the washer and press the start button.

Tips:
Look at the tags on your clothing before washing, as they will typically tell you how to wash the items. Separate white, dark and color clothing items. Whites should be washed in warm water, darks and colors in cold water. Make sure to empty your pockets before putting clothing into the washer. Do not fill the machine more than halfway full. Don’t over soap. Only 1/4 cup of detergent is needed. If you use too much soap, your clothes may remain wet at the end of the cycle.

Common Dryer

To use, open door and put wet clothing in the dryer. Place drying sheet in dryer with clothing. Be sure to empty the lint trap before starting the machine. Close the door and input your dryer information at the card reader and use your SDSU card to pay. Select the drying cycle and press the start button.

In-Unit Dryer (Granada Only)

To use, open door and put wet clothing in the dryer. Place drying sheet in dryer with clothing. Be sure to empty the lint trap before starting the machine. Close the door and select the drying cycle and press the start button.

Tips:
Whites should be dried at a normal/high setting. Darks and colors should be dried at a medium setting. Air-dry delicate washables. Hot heat can shrink clothing.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Although called a “garbage disposal,” the under sink kitchen incinerators are not made to dispose of typical garbage. Instead they are only to be used for biodegradable food items. To use the garbage disposal, turn on cold water before turning on garbage disposal by using the switch on the wall. Let the water run while the garbage disposal is in use. Gradually fill the disposal to reduce overfill. Wait until the grinding has completed before turning off the garbage disposal and water. It is important to not use hot water or pour grease or fat in the garbage disposal. Do not place any hard, fibrous, or starchy foods (i.e. fruit pits, celery, corn husks, potato peelings, etc.) down the garbage disposal.

LOUNGES/STUDY AREA LOCATIONS

Each residential building has at least one student lounge. Ask the Front Desk for more information about available lounges/study areas.
POOLS/POOL FURNITURE
( IF APPLICABLE )
All persons using the pool must do so at their own risk as there is no lifeguard on duty. Management is not responsible for accidents or injuries. You must shower before entering the pool. Children under the age of 14 should not use the pool without an adult. Use of the pool while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. The pool furniture should stay where it is located so all residents can enjoy it.

GAMING TABLES
The front desk of your building rents out items to use for game tables. Do not sit on the game tables. Be careful with the rentals as to not damage them.

LOUNGE TVs/DVD/ BLU-RAY/GAME CONSOLES
The lounges have TVs. Other digital displays are intended to be used for connection for academic support purposes (study groups, presentations) or for information sharing (digital signage).

VACUUM CLEANERS
Plug the vacuum cord into an electrical outlet in the wall. To release the handle, lightly step on the release lever on the left rear side of the vacuum. Lightly step on the power button to start the machine. Step on the power button once more to turn off the machine. Do not vacuum any metal or hard materials as they can break the machine. Vacuums can be rented out at the front desk.

MAGNETIC DOOR HOLD
(SOUTH CAMPUS PLAZA ONLY)
The magnetic door hold allows you to keep your door open in a way that complies with fire regulations. In an emergency, doors with automatically release to provide a barrier for fire and smoke. To release the door, gently push the red button. The red button should always be used when releasing the magnetic hold. Pulling the door will cause damage to the magnet, the door and/or the wall.
# TOP 10 WAYS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR MEAL PLAN

| 10. | Follow @SDSUDining on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat for contests, special events and other fun stuff. |
| 9. | Have special dietary needs? Contact the SDSU Dining office at sdsudining@sdsu.edu to set up an appointment with our Executive Chef to go over all that SDSU Dining has to offer you. |
| 8. | If you enjoy a lot of variety at one meal, you should eat at The Garden at Cuicacalli. This is your all-you-care-to-eat restaurant. |
| 6. | Don’t let the long lines scare you away. We are extremely busy two hours out of the day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can, avoid that time period and you will avoid the long lines. Keep in mind that the lines in the Aztec Market go very quickly. |
| 5. | Did you lose or misplace your SDSUCard? Drop by the Dining Office (Education Bldg., Room 112) and we will give you a temporary card to use. |
| 4. | Looking for somewhere new to try? There are more than 30 locations around campus to use your Meal Plan. Print a map from www.eatatsdsu.com and try them all. |
| 1. | Know the plan you signed up for and how it works. If you need it, reach out for help. We are here for you. Call the SDSU Dining Office at 619-594-7460, email us at sdsudining@sdsu.edu or drop by the Dining Office in Education Bldg., Room 112. We would love to help you out. Keep in mind that the Dining Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for meal plans, Monday through Friday. |
### Epic Journey
- $3600 Declining Debit Dollars per Academic Year
- Cost: $3000
  - » 20% added value
  - » *$16.36 per day
  - » Fall deposit $1800/ Spring deposit $1800; Academic Year Cost $3000
  - » Remaining balances roll over from Fall to Spring semester. Any unused balances are forfeited at the end of Spring Semester. No balances will rollover after Spring and refunds on unused funds are not given.

### Walkabout
- $1800 Declining Debit Dollars per Academic Year
- Cost: $1600
  - » 12.5% added value
  - » *$8.18 per day
  - » Fall deposit $900/ Spring deposit $900; Academic Year Cost $1600
  - » Remaining balances roll over from Fall to Spring semester. Any unused balances are forfeited at the end of Spring Semester. No balances will rollover after Spring and refunds on unused funds are not given.

### Power Hike
- $2300 Declining Debit Dollars per Academic Year
- Cost: $2000
  - » 15% added value
  - » *$10.45 per day
  - » Fall deposit $1150/ Spring deposit $1150; Academic Year Cost $2000
  - » Remaining balances roll over from Fall to Spring semester. Any unused balances are forfeited at the end of Spring Semester. No balances will rollover after Spring and refunds on unused funds are not given.

### SICK TRAY
I’m sick and cannot go out to use my meal plan. What can I do?

If you can’t make it to a “regular” meal due to illness, you may request a Sick Tray Form from your hall or apartment’s Front Desk. The form, along with your SDSUCard, must be taken to The Garden at Cuicacalli, University Towers Kitchen (UTK) or the Aztec Market in front of Chapultepec Hall. You must make arrangements for someone else to pick up your meal. SDSUCards are non-transferrable and will be confiscated if attempted to be used by someone other than the card holder without a Sick Tray Form.

*Based on 7 days per week.*
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By completing and signing the Student Housing License Agreement, you agree to comply with and are expected to follow the San Diego State Housing Terms and Conditions. You can view the Terms and Conditions by viewing your signed License Agreement on your Housing Portal or on the SDSU Office of Housing Administration website at housing.sdsu.edu.

PAYMENTS

Residential community rent and meal plan payments can be made online through your Student Account Services Cashnet Account or in person at the Student Account Services Office located at Student Services West, Room 2536. Rent and meal payments are automatically broken down into eight (8) installments. These installments are due monthly beginning in August and ending in April (subject to change, please visit housing.sdsu.edu/housing/costs.aspx for current dates). Students with 11½-month License Agreements have rent and meal payments automatically broken down into 10 installments. These installments are due monthly beginning August and ending in June. The $375 initial payment submitted with your application is credited towards the first installment of rent. You can view your bills on your Student Account Services Cashnet Account. Online payments are accepted in the forms of e-check or credit card. It is your responsibility to check your account for outstanding payments.

Information regarding miscellaneous fees and damage charges can be found on the Office of Housing Administration website at newscenter.sdsu.edu/housing/miscfees.aspx.

ROOM CHANGE REQUESTS

Residents may request for a room switch by submitting a completed Room/Hall Switch Request form to the Office of Housing Administration. The form is available online beginning the third week of the fall semester. Completed request forms need to be turned in to the Office of Housing Administration during office hours (i.e., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Emailed or faxed copies will not be accepted.

Requests received during the week will be processed the following Monday. If an accommodation is available based on your request, you will receive an e-mail offer on Monday and will have 24 hours to reply to the e-mail. If we are unable to accommodate your request, you will be notified by e-mail and placed on our wait list. E-mail notification will be sent to the e-mail address seen on your Room/Hall Switch Request form. There is a $100 room switch fee that will be applied for any request that is accommodated. Room and hall switches will not be permitted during finals for the fall and spring semesters.

Room/Hall Switch Request forms can be found on the Office of Housing Administration website (housing.sdsu.edu/switchrequest.aspx) or at the Office of Housing Administration central office.

CONTRACT RELEASE REQUESTS

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Contract Release Requests forms can be found on the Office of Housing Administration website (housing.sdsu.edu/cancellation.aspx) or at the Office of Housing Administration central office. Requests and documentation can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Office of Housing Administration. Faxed requests also require original documents.
FRONT DESKS

The Front Desk manages building security, mail services, guest check in/out and equipment rentals.

MAIL

Mail delivered from USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc. will be delivered to the hall addressed on the mail. Your hall staff will sort your mail and put in the appropriate mail box. If you receive a package, the staff will leave a package slip in your mailbox. Bring the package slip to the Front Desk along with your SDSU card to retrieve your package.

All mail delivered over breaks will be delivered to the Office of Housing Administration. It will be forwarded to your hall upon reopening of the hall.

If you have any concerns about your mail, speak with your Front Desk Security Manager.

Check housing.sdsu.edu/mail or ask the Front Desk for your mailing address.

Be sure to include your full name and room number on your mail.

SERVICE REQUESTS

Repairs will be made on a priority basis when a service request has been submitted. Request a repair by initiating a service request on the SDSU Housing app, Housing Portal or at your front desk. Please be aware that in some cases, it may take several days for a service request to be completed if parts must
be ordered. Check the status of your service requests on the SDSU Housing app or Housing Portal. Most service requests are completed within 24-48 hours. Service requests submitted after 3 p.m. will be assigned to a staff member the following business day. Report all maintenance emergencies immediately to a staff member.

To provide a quick response to your service request, maintenance may access your space when you are not there. Please clear a space for maintenance to work and remember to take your room keys with you. Maintenance staff are trained to always lock the door when they leave.

**CUSTODIAL**

Taking pride in the living areas is a shared responsibility. Our custodial staff is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of common areas such as lobbies, study lounges and bathrooms. Residents are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their own rooms and apartments, including en-suite bathrooms and kitchens. Health and safety inspections are conducted monthly for en-suite bathrooms and kitchens. Fees for re-inspection and cleaning will be assessed if areas are not up to our cleanliness, health and hygiene standards. Custodial team members are on campus seven days-a-week working with students to provide a clean and sanitary community. It is important for students to do their part as well to maintain a clean and healthy community. Residents should place all waste in designated recycling bins, trash chutes or outdoor dumpsters. Any required excessive cleaning caused by students or their guests can be charged to individual students where identified. Residents are asked to assist the staff by not using restrooms while they are being cleaned.

**MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance staff members complete repairs by prioritizing and scheduling requests as they are received. They depend on students and staff to let them know what needs to be done. Please notify staff of a maintenance need by initiating a service request on the SDSU Housing app, Housing Portal or at your front desk. Please explain what type of work is needed, where it is needed and what needs to be done (please be as detailed and specific as possible). In some cases, parts must be ordered, and it may take additional time to complete the work. If it is necessary to enter your room to make a repair while you are out, they will notify you that they have worked in your room. Maintenance staff will only enter rooms to service requests or due to emergencies as described in the Terms and Conditions of the License Agreement. Please contact your front desk to report any after hours building emergencies.

**CENTRAL OFFICE**

The Office of Housing Administration central office assists students with assignments and contracts. This includes services such as room/hall switch requests and contract release requests. The office also assists students with obtaining and returning Bike Barn keys. Students having questions or problems with billing related to their housing and meal plan can be assisted by the Office of Housing Administration central office. The Office of Housing Administration central office can also answer any general questions.
FAQS
RHA (HOW TO GET INVOLVED)

How do I get involved in the Residence Halls?

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the student governing body of all on-campus residents at San Diego State University. The RHA not only serves as the representation of all residents on campus, but also serves as a programming board for the residential communities. Involvement opportunities include the RHA programming board, your individual Hall/Apartment Councils, SPEAR Late Night Programming board and Aztec Nights. RHA and Apartment Councils are responsible for planning many different types of activities such as Vegas Nights and community services events. Every student living in the residential communities is a member of RHA, so we would love to invite you to participate in making a difference in your living experience at SDSU.

ROOM/HALL SWITCHES

How do I request a room switch?

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FAQs

What if I want to move into another building?

Similar to room switch request, residents who are interested in moving into another building must submit a completed Room/Hall Switch Request in person to the Office of Housing Administration.

If my roommate moves out, can I keep my room to myself?

No. If a space becomes available in a double, triple or quad room, the remaining resident(s) will be asked to either consolidate or accept a new roommate at any given time. Be a gracious roommate. Failure to prepare your room for a new roommate, or any effort to make a new roommate feel unwelcome, is considered a violation of policy.

HOUSING OVER THE BREAKS

What if I need housing over break periods?

Except Cuicacalli, Granada, Piedra del Sol, South Campus Plaza North, Tarastec, University Towers, Zura and Villa Alvarado, all of the residential communities close during Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring breaks. The previously mentioned complexes are open during these periods at no additional charge for students who live there throughout the academic year. You cannot “temporarily” move to one of these complexes during any of the break periods.

LOST ACCESS CARD

What if I lose my key or access card?

Let the front desk know at once. A lost key or card poses a security risk. Report a lost or stolen SDSUcard to the SDSU Card Office via their website, sdsucard.sdsu.edu. This will immediately deactivate your SDSUcard. Speak with your front desk to receive a temporary replacement card. Replacement of lost or stolen keys, SDSUcards and/or swipe cards will be ordered and you will be billed.
**RENTER’S INSURANCE**

Do I need renter’s insurance?

The university has no insurance to cover personal property damage. Therefore, the university highly recommends that you obtain insurance, such as a renter’s policy. (Your parents’ homeowner’s insurance policy may cover theft or damage of property in your room. Check with your insurance agent)

**CANCELLATIONS**

What if I need to cancel my contract for housing?

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**HEALTH SERVICES**

Do I need health insurance?

During the period covered by your License Agreement, you must be covered, at your own expense, by health and accident insurance. This must be on either an individual or group basis, with minimum coverage of $2,000 in hospital benefits, $150 in medical benefits, $350 in surgical benefits and $50 in emergency outpatient benefits per accident or sickness. If you are not already covered by your own or your parents’ health insurance plan, you must obtain health insurance. The Associated Students Business Office has information about student health insurance.

Where should I go if I feel ill?

Student Health Services on campus is staffed by full-time health professionals who are able to provide you with primary health care. Whenever possible, you should schedule an appointment in advance to see a health care provider. Scheduling an appointment can reduce your waiting time. You may also request to see a specific health care provider. To make an appointment, call 619-594-5058.

What types of services do Counseling & Psychological Services offer?

Therapists in Counseling & Psychological Services offer many services including individual counseling, group therapy and alcohol and drug counseling. Periodically, workshops and presentations on healthy living and mental well-being related topics are also offered. You can call 619-594-5220 or stop by Calpulli Center, room 4401, for assistance.

**LOCKOUTS**

What if I lock myself out?

Staff will assist you in entering your room and you will be charged $25 per entry, regardless of the reason for lock out. Staff may not be readily available and you may be required to wait. Repeated incidents can result in judicial action.
SERVICE REQUESTS

How can I get something repaired in my room?

Repairs will be made on a priority basis when a service request has been submitted. Request a repair by initiating a service request on the SDSU Housing app, Housing Portal or at your front desk. Please be aware that in some cases, it may take several days for a service request to be completed if parts must be ordered. If it is necessary to enter your room to make a repair while you are out, the maintenance staff member will notify you that they were working in your room. Check the status of your service requests on your Housing Portal.

QUIET HOURS VS. COURTESY HOURS

What’s the difference between “courtesy hours” and “quiet hours”?

Courtesy hours require that residents do not exceed reasonable noise limits to ensure that other residents are not disturbed. They are in effect at all times. During quiet hours, noise should not be detectable outside of individual rooms. Quiet hours are in effect 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and midnight to 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Quiet hours extend to all public areas, pools and quads. Amplified sound is prohibited. Please be advised that normal work hours for maintenance and custodial services are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. These services are exempt from courtesy and quiet hours. Courtesy hours and quiet hours are enforced outside of the building as well as inside. Loud talking or groups that disturb others are not permitted.

INTERNET ACCESS

How can I get my computer hooked up to the Internet and wireless access?

Connect to wireless internet with the eduroam wi-fi network. When prompted, enter your SDSUid and password. For more information, visit it.sdsu.edu/internet/eduroam.

If you are unable to connect, fill out the connection request form at rezcon.sdsu.edu.

FAQs
DINING/MEAL PLAN

Where do I eat?
Your meal plan enables you to take advantage of a special community way of life, which includes quality food choices and a friendly dining atmosphere. The primary residential dining facility is The Garden at Cuicacalli Suites. With your meal plan, you can purchase food at numerous locations on campus, including the Aztec Markets and The Garden. Refer to the Aztec Shops website at eatatsdsu.com for more information on each meal plan and the locations where you can use your meal plan.

Can I change my meal plan?
Upper division meal plans are for university housing residents that opt in at the time of housing application. These meal plans require an academic year commitment at the time of housing application submission and may not be cancelled, changed or refunded at any time during the academic year.

GUEST POLICIES

Am I permitted to have guests?
All visitors and guests must be escorted by you at all times. You accept responsibility for the behavior of your visitors and guests and must inform them of university and housing regulations. Residents living in designated over-the-break housing may have only one guest at a time during break periods.

May I host an overnight guest?
The overnight guest privilege is extended to all residents on a temporary and occasional basis only after securing approval from his/her roommate(s) and registering the guest at the front desk, per the License Agreement.

DRINKING AND DRUG USE

I’m uncomfortable with the drinking and drug use in my building. Do I have to put up with it?
No. Alcohol use and binge drinking create problems for millions of college students who are not binge drinkers. Known as secondhand binge effects, these may include physical assault, sexual harassment, sexual assault (rape), interrupted sleep, property damage, impaired study time and a generally unpleasant college experience. Concerned or inconvenienced residents should feel empowered to insist that other residents comply with the alcohol and other drugs policy, and, if they are not successful in their efforts, the community staff should be notified to request further action be taken. Underage drinking has stiff penalties in California. These penalties include a $250 fine, suspension of a driver’s license, community service, mandated counseling and university judicial sanctions. Judicially mandated intervention will include a fee of at least $100. Additionally, students who violate alcohol and drug policies may be suspended or, in some cases, expelled. Expulsion is system wide, which means any student expelled from SDSU will never be permitted to attend any California State University.

FAQs
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

*Area code for all phone numbers is (619)*

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

ARC........................................594-7529
Associated Students...........594-6487
Athletics..............................594-3019
Aztec Shops.........................594-6954
Bookstore ............................594-7525
Campus Escorts ......................594-6659
Campus Info ..........................594-5000
Campus Operator ....................594-5200
Career Services ......................594-6851
Center for Student Rights & Responsibilities ..........594-3069
Counseling Services ..........594-5220
SDSU Dining..........................594-7640
EOP ....................................594-6298
Financial Aid.........................594-6323
Intercultural Relations .............594-7054
International Student Center .594-1982
Library .................................594-6721
New Student and Parent Programs .................594-1509
Ombudsman ..........................594-6578
Office of Housing Administration........594-5742
Parking Office ......................594-6671
Pride Center ..........................594-3520
Registrar's Office ....................594-6871
Residential Education Office .............594-5742
Rez-Con Office .......................594-3473
Student Account Services ..........594-5253
Student Disability Services ..........594-6473
Student Health Services ...........594-5281
Student Life and Leadership .............594-5221
Testing Services ....................594-5216
Ticket Office Info Line..................594-6947
University Information Center ..........594-6551
University Police .....................594-1991
In support of the overall mission of SDSU, the Division of Student Affairs and the Division of Business and Financial Affairs, the Residential Education Office, the Office of Housing Administration and Housing Facilities Services aspire to transform lives through dynamic and educationally engaging residential communities and environments.