

When it comes to fire safety, certain items can compromise the safety of all within our community. Therefore, such items are prohibited. If uncertain about a particular item in your possession, you are encouraged to bring such item(s) to the Residence Hall Director immediately to avoid disciplinary action. Those who have chosen to use or possess prohibited items are subject to fines assessed to their student account.

**Smoking in Any Area of a Housing Facility is strictly prohibited.**

The Department of Housing and Residence Life, in cooperation with local and state fire safety officials, reserves the right to amend this listing at any time. Updates will be promptly posted to the University of the Southwest Website.

Many Items are not permitted in the halls. Such items may be confiscated and held until they can be removed from the hall permanently. Items prohibited include, but may not be limited to:

**Weapons**

- Any weapons regardless of including firearms, BB guns, paint ball guns, pellet or "air soft" guns, bows and arrows, bullets or other ammunition, martial arts weapons, knives or any item that is a reasonable replica of the listed weapons. Possession of these items will result disciplinary action.

**Open Flames/Flammables**

- Candles/Incense/Other Open Flames
- Fireworks/Explosives
- All Flammables/ Combustibles

**Cooking in Rooms and Suites/Cooking Appliances**

(Prohibition on cooking or appliances does not apply to the Apartments.)

- Broilers/Skillets/Woks/Hot-plates • Toasters/Toaster Ovens
- Sandwich Makers/Panini Grills/Deep Fryers • Coffee Makers with Open Coils
- Any Open Coil Appliances

Students are invited to bring other cooking appliances to use in the communal kitchen found in their residence hall. Microwaves are the only cooking appliance that can be used in your room/suite.

**Room Furnishings**

- Upholstered Furniture/Padded or Cushioned Chairs/Beanbag Chairs (Any furniture item bought by a resident must be certified by the manufacturer as flame-retardant)
- Bed Risers
- Any Lamp with Halogen Bulb
- Multiple Bulb Lamps with Plastic Shades

### **Cords/Plug-Ins**

- Extension Cords/Multi-plug Outlets/Plug-In Air Fresheners
- International Converters Plugged Into a Surge Protector/Multiple Adapter  
(International converters must be plugged directly into the wall outlet.)

### **Decorations**

- Live Christmas Trees/Wreaths
- String of lights around the edges of your room or windows are okay if you unplug them when leaving your room

### **Stolen Property**

- Possession or storage of stolen property in your room, such as signs, Residence Hall furniture that was not in your suite prior to move in, shopping carts, items obtained through theft, etc.

### **Pet Policy**

- No pets or animals allowed, except for fish. Fish tanks of up to 1 gallon are permitted. There is no heat during semester break, so take your fish home for the holidays.

### **Vehicles/Transportation**

- Motorcycles, mopeds and automotive parts or components may not be kept in or around the buildings, except in designated parking areas. Bicycles may not be kept in hallways, stairwells, or public areas, except in designated racks.

**Items listed or deemed unsafe for the Residence Halls/Apartments will be confiscated and kept until they can be permanently removed from the Residence Halls.**