

**UniLodge**

*Where I want to be*

2023

**RESIDENT  
HANDBOOK**

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# WELCOME

## Welcome to UniLodge @ UC

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to UniLodge @ UC. This is a vibrant and thriving, adult learning community. We share our lives in this community within a culture of respect and an appreciation of diversity.

This Handbook provides clear policy and practical information to help inform your accommodation selection decisions, and to inform you about how we live here in this community. Please consider it to be a guide for how we can all have the safest, most comfortable, friendliest and overall best experience while studying at your chosen higher education provider. While coming into a new and different environment can sometimes be a little daunting you can take comfort in the fact that your fellow UniLodge @ UC residents are on the same journey with you and hopefully your shared experiences and this handbook can alleviate any apprehension.

UniLodge @ UC provides a world-class, collegiate environment to explore your unique potential. Under the direction of the Residential Life Manager, we create opportunities to participate in a wide range of academic, social, sporting, cultural, artistic and community activities. These are designed to enhance your experience at University and your future beyond it. I very much hope that you will take the chance to participate as fully as you are able. Our team, including our student leaders – Residential Advisors – will work hard to make your arrival and time here as interesting, happy and comfortable as possible.

UniLodge @ UC is a community where diversity and the individual are respected and where an inclusive and tolerant environment is cultivated. Academic excellence is actively encouraged and opportunities to gain experience in leadership roles abound.

As the General Manager, I am responsible to the University for all aspects of the good governance of the Lodges, including your well-being and safety and that of other residents. To do this, I work with a great team of caring, concerned and committed people - including the Residential Life Manager, Residential Advisors and the administrative, maintenance and housekeeping staff. We take our responsibility to provide you with a comfortable and safe living environment very seriously, and our staff are keen to help you in every way possible.

It is also my hope that you will graduate with many treasured memories from your time and friendships made here. No one should walk our halls as a stranger. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to look out for the best interests of our fellow residents.

We are always available to respond to any questions you may have about the Handbook, the broader Occupancy Agreement, or anything else – your safety, comfort, and welfare are our first priority. I very much look forward to meeting you and to welcoming you to UniLodge @ UC and all it has to offer you during your time at university and beyond.

**Enjoy your stay!**

**Dale Brosnahan**  
**General Manager**

# Your Management Team

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My role is to ensure that the stay of every resident is rewarding, enjoyable, secure and comfortable. I am committed to developing the UniLodge @ UC experience through collaborations and creating a community of engagement and respect.

To assist me in achieving this, I have a great team of staff and residents who are active in both organising and participating in the Residential Life Program throughout the year.

**Dale Brosnahan – General Manager**  
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I manage the Customer Service teams at UniLodge @ UC and work closely with your Customer Service Managers. I ensure that our properties and our common area facilities are being well cared for, arrears and any late payments are notified to our residents and that resident concerns are being addressed as fairly and as quickly as possible.

In my role I work closely with the General Manager, Residential Life Manager and the University on key operational matters and can be an additional point of contact for any resident who would like to discuss any issues that come up during their stay at UniLodge.

**Natalie Johnston - Property Manager Operations**  
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My role focuses on providing leadership and support in the management and development of the pastoral care and Residential Life Programs as well as academic support within the UniLodge @ UC buildings.

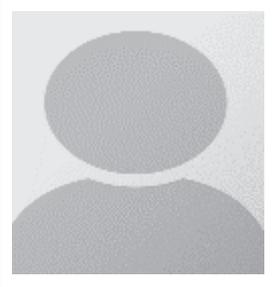
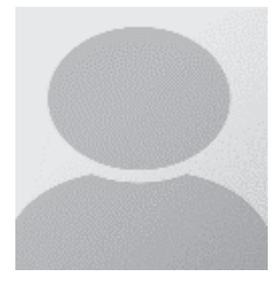
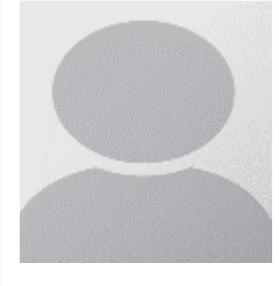
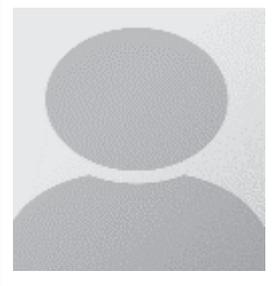
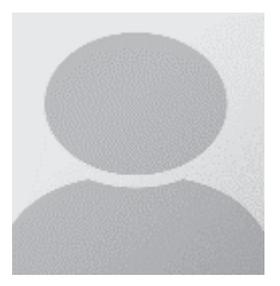
I play a key role in the successful creation of an engaging and supportive environment for all residents and staff, helping students navigate their university experience, with the main purpose to assist and support students through difficult and/or challenging times, acting as the central advisory resource throughout one's stay.

**Michael Benson – Residential Life Manager (RLM)**  
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# Your Team

## YOUR ENTIRE TEAM

				
Dale Brosnahan	Natalie Johnston	Michael Benson	Lin Cui	Hanna Van Den Hoek
General Manager Portfolio	Property Manager Operations	Residential Life Manager	Residential Life Coordinator	Residential Life Coordinator
				
Barsha Paudel	Kittiya Baosingsuay	Mirza Bushra	Customer Service Coordinator	Katelyn Howell
Customer Service Manager	Customer Service Manager	Customer Service Manager	Customer Service Coordinator	Customer Service Coordinator
				
Naushad Alam	Tom Brown	Tushar Bansal	Kalam Khadka	Nithin Reji
Customer Service Coordinator	Duty Manager	Duty Manager	Duty Manager	Duty Manager
				
Morgan Donnelly	Maintenance Supervisor	Baz McGrath	Matt Carter	Cameron Dredge
Facilities Services Manager	Maintenance Supervisor	Maintenance Supervisor	Maintenance	Maintenance

# Quick Contacts and Local Information

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## Medical & Emergency Services

Police, Fire Ambulance: 000  
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000  
Poison Information Centre: 13 11 26  
UC Medical & Counselling: 02 6201 2351

## Building Contacts

Cooper Lodge Reception  
T: (02) 6109 4200  
E: uc.cooper@uniLodge.com.au

UC Lodge Reception  
T: (02) 6110 4000  
E: uc.ucLodge@uniLodge.com.au

Weeden Lodge Reception  
T: (02) 6113 5000  
E: uc.weeden@uniLodge.com.au

## Management Team

### Customer Service Managers

Cooper Lodge  
T: (02) 6109 4200  
E: csm.cooper@uniLodge.com.au

UC Lodge  
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E: csm.ucLodge@uniLodge.com.au

Weeden Lodge  
T: (02) 6113 5000  
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### Residential Life Manager

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### Property Manager – Operations

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### General Manager

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## Pastoral Care

Emergency Services  
T: 000

UC Crisis Line  
T: 1300 271 790

Lifeline  
T: 13 11 14

Access Mental Health  
T: 1800 629 354

## Duty Managers/After Hours Support

Cooper Lodge  
T:(02) 6109 4200 then press 0 when prompted  
M:0438 453 197

UC Lodge  
T:(02) 6110 4000 then press 0 when prompted  
M: 0466 502 602

Weeden Lodge  
T:(02) 6113 5000 then press 0 when prompted  
M: 0403 794 167

Security: (02 6201 2222)

# Reception & Contacting the After-Hours Staff

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## **Duty Managers: DM**

The Duty Managers are our after-hours staff responsible for any matter that occurs outside of Reception opening hours, including emergencies. The DM team also help coordinate and implement the Residential Life Program. UC Security also cover out of hours.

## **External Contractors**

From time-to-time UniLodge will employ external contractors for jobs at UniLodge. Cleaning, some maintenance such as electrical, plumbing and window cleaning are all services UniLodge contracts external contractors to complete.

## Reception

Reception is open from:

- (a) 10.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday; and
- (b) 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Wednesday evenings, rotating between each Lodge weekly; and
- (c) 10.00am to 1.00pm every for 2 weeks prior and 4 weeks following the commencement of each semester.

**Reception is open  
10:00am – 6:00pm  
Monday to Friday**

You can contact our Reception team by email, phone or by coming down to visit our staff at the desk.

Reception is here to help with anything which might come up during your stay at UniLodge and are there to organise any maintenance needed in the apartment, give you your mail and take payments for your account or to answer any other questions about your stay!

## Contacting the After-Hours Staff

If you require assistance after hours or on the weekends, please call our Reception phone number and dial 0 after the automated message to be connected to the Duty Manager.

Our Duty Manager are on site to respond to any urgent issues that occur outside of office hours. If you are locked out, or if there is an emergency you can call the Duty Manager and they will come and help you!

**UC Lodge**  
+61 2 6110 4000 or  
use the intercom at reception

**Cooper Lodge**  
+61 2 6109 4200 or  
use the intercom at reception

**Weeden Lodge**  
+61 2 6113 5000 or  
+61 403 794 167

# Residential Address, Receiving Mail & Parcel Lockers

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## Residential Address

### UC Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
UC Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
Pantowora Street  
Bruce, ACT, 2617

### Cooper Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
Cooper Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
Cnr Telita & Pantowora Streets  
Bruce, ACT, 2617

### Weeden Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
Weeden Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
74 Chandler Street  
Belconnen, ACT, 2617

## Receiving Mail

Every resident at UniLodge is allocated a mailbox at reception. Mail sent to you should be addressed to your full name and your room number. Any mail which is unable to be identified may be returned to sender, so please be sure to address it as below.

Your mailing address is:

### UC Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
UC Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
LPO Box 5002  
University of Canberra  
Bruce, ACT, 2617

### Cooper Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
Cooper Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
LPO Box 5003  
University of Canberra  
Bruce, ACT, 2617

### Weeden Lodge

<Your Full Name>  
Weeden Lodge  
<Your Room Number>  
74 Chandler Street  
Belconnen, ACT, 2617

## University of Canberra Parcel Lockers

Australia Post have Parcel Lockers installed outside Cooper Lodge reception, for use by students to receive parcel deliveries, such as online shopping or care packages from home.

Parcel Lockers are free to use and accessible 24/7. Sign up at <http://www.auspost.com.au/ParcelLockers>.

The mailing address for the Parcel Lockers is:

**University of Canberra Parcel Locker  
{your unique parcel locker number}  
24 Telita St  
BRUCE ACT 2617**

# Your Room and Your Apartment

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## Online Resident Portal

Once your accommodation offer has been accepted you will be able to log into our portal. Your login will be your email address and you will be able to set your password on first login. You can also reset your password at the login screen.

Once in the portal you will be able to view your account, change your Direct Debit details, log maintenance requests and review correspondence we have sent you.

## Your Room and Your Apartment

All apartments are fully furnished. We hope you find your room/apartment cosy and comfortable. Should there been any issues on check in with your room/apartment please notify reception.

### What is not provided?

- Laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid
- Cooking equipment (pots and pans), crockery, cutlery, glasses and cooking utensils
- Linen, quilts/blankets and pillows
- Towels and tea towels
- All food and meals
- Small appliances (kettle, toaster etc.)
- Toilet paper and toiletries
- Cleaning equipment
- Washing additives / Detergents

### Available to borrow from Reception

- Vacuum cleaner
- Steam iron
- Flatbed trolley
- Board games

**Photo ID is required to borrow items from reception. The ID will be held at reception until the item is returned. Items are only available during reception hours, but board games can be kept overnight.**

# Your Room and Your Apartment

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## **Additional Furniture**

The inclusion of other furniture into a Resident's apartment is not permitted unless a written application is submitted to, and approved by, UniLodge @ UC Management. Every request is considered individually, and residents should seek approval prior to purchasing any additional furniture.

Air conditioning units, refrigerators, washing machines and any other whitegoods are not permitted within UniLodge apartments without prior written approval from management.

## **Pets**

Under no circumstances are residents permitted to bring pets or animals into the complex unless they are approved support animals. The Occupant will be fined and required to remove the animal/pet from the premises immediately, offenses may lead to possible eviction.

Residents must seek management approval to keep tank/aquarium pets (i.e., fish, lizard) in their apartment.

Occupants must not keep any pets or animals other than a guide dog or approved assistance animal. Occupants who are seeking to keep an assistance animal should request information from Reception prior to bringing the animal onsite.

## **Your Shop**



No need to drag yourself to the local shopping centre on your first day in a strange new city and lug everything home on the bus! You can order a pre-prepared kit or individual items depending on what you need. Keep things stress-free and get your new home ready with Your Shop by UniLodge.

To see exactly what's in your kit and the full range of household goods available to purchase online visit <https://shop.unilodge.com.au/>.

# Common Areas

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Please be mindful that UniLodge enforces a noise curfew from 10:00 pm Sunday – Thursday and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. During key assessment periods at the University or as advised to occupants by management, UniLodge may enforce a full noise curfew. Noise complaints should be reported to the Duty Manager at the time they are occurring.

The furniture provided in the common areas is for use by all occupants and their guests. We ask that occupants do not interfere with the use of these spaces by taking furniture from the areas, or by damaging any of the furniture. Care should be taken to leave the areas clean and tidy for other residents.

The common areas are for the use of all occupants and should be seen as a safe haven for all occupants to bond with each other and relax outside the confines of their own apartments. Using the lounge and gaming areas is a great way to meet new people and make some new friends. Gaming / entertainment equipment can be loaned via Reception during office hours.

## **Common Area Kitchens and Fridges**

Common area kitchens and dining areas are available at all Lodges for use by occupants and their guests. Be considerate of your fellow occupants and leave the kitchens clean and neat when you finish using the space. Dirty dishes and appliances, uncovered or expired food will be assumed unwanted and will be thrown out.

When using the shared fridges, please be sure to label your food with your name, room number and the date you put the food into the fridge. Be conscious that many occupants use the fridges, so store your food in a neat and confined way so there is room for everyone's food. Cleaners will throw out all items left in the Fridges each Thursday.

In our common kitchens, we supply ovens, stove tops, microwaves, fridges and bins. Occupants supply their own crockery and cooking utensils.

Please don't take other occupants' food. UniLodge has zero tolerance of any theft and if you are caught stealing from another occupant, you may face termination of your Occupancy Agreement.

## **Common Property**

Common property refers to any property that is owned by UniLodge @ UC that is provided for the use of occupants and their guests in the common areas of the property. This includes all fixtures, furniture, structures, materials, equipment, appliances and other items that are located in common areas, common kitchens and original apartment furnishings.

Occupants and their guests must not remove furniture or items from common areas or damage any common property, leave anything on or obstruct the use of common property. Damage caused by improper use can result in the resident being charged for the cost of repairing the property.

UniLodge has no responsibility for any items left in communal areas.

# Common Areas

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**Walls and Ceilings:** Permanent fittings or additions/changes to your walls, door or ceiling is not permitted. This includes things like hooks, nails, screws, paint and stickers. Blue Tac or other removable adhesive tacks are the best option for putting up posters/calendars, however care should still be taken when removing to protect the paint.

We recommend against using 'Self-adhesive Temporary Hooks' as their removal can still damage the paint.

**Window hangings:** Please be aware that display of laundry or personal items from windows, including hanging items on the exterior of the building, is not permitted.

**Laminated Surfaces:** Many of the surfaces in your apartment have a laminated wood finish. While this is easy to clean and is a very neat finish, it is susceptible to damage due to misuse or carelessness. Chopping directly onto the bench top, placing hot objects such as pans directly onto the laminate, abrasive cleaning cloths such as steel wool will cause damage to the surface.

**Glass and Mirrors:** Your windows and mirrors are made of glass. Take care when cleaning your windows or mirrors – extreme temperature changes from splashing hot water on cold glass/cold water on hot glass can cause the glass to crack. All glass is susceptible to breakage if something is hit hard against it.

**Carpet and Vinyl:** Many apartments have a 'pod-style' bathroom with a hard plastic floor. Take care when using products which can cause permanent stains or damage to the floor. Things like hair dye, some candles and some cleaning products can cause staining to the floor.

Your apartment's kitchen area is fitted with vinyl flooring. While durable, please be careful not to scratch or mark flooring with sharp or hot objects. Rubbish and spoiled foodstuff can also result in permanent staining to the vinyl.

The remainder of your apartment is carpeted. Take care when consuming food or drink in these areas as carpet is very easily stained.

## **Garbage and Recycling**

At UC Lodge, garbage and recycling can be disposed of via garbage chutes on every floor between 7:00am and 10:00pm. Use the bin provided in your apartment as a reference to what can fit down the chute.

Larger items, including bedding, towels or large linens can be disposed of by contacting reception during business hours.

Please dispose of rubbish thoughtfully by placing it directly down the chute or into the bin -  
do not leave rubbish on the floor!

# Common Areas

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## **Bike Storage**

Secure bike storage areas are provided free of charge to all UniLodge residents. To gain access to the secure bike storage you need to visit reception and:

1. Register your bike and have access encoded on your room card
2. Attach your tag to your bike
3. Re-register your bike at reception every year.

Unregistered bikes kept in our bike storage area without a tag or with an expired tag will be assumed abandoned and removed.

The bike is then stored for a minimum of three months from the removal date. Bikes not registered are not entitled to be stored in our bike racks and any costs of removal are at the owner's expense.

## **Vehicle Parking**

For UC Lodge residents, campus parking is available only via the University of Canberra. Please see <http://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/parking> for more information.

Please be aware UC Security and ACT Government parking inspectors operate on the University campus.

# General Safety at UniLodge @ UC

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UniLodge takes the safety of occupants seriously and the building is secured by electronic key cards, security cameras and 24/7 on site staff. Be security conscious for yourself, fellow occupants and for your home.

- Don't allow people to 'tail-gate' you through key access doors. If you don't recognise someone as a fellow occupant don't open the door for them.
- Keep your door closed and look after your key! If you lose your key, call us ASAP and we will deactivate the lost key so that it cannot be used.
- Staff are on site 24/7 and will respond to any concerns you might have. If you need help or if something makes you feel uncomfortable then please call us and we will come and help!
- Carry your Student ID with you. If you lose your key or are locked out, you may be asked to show your ID.
- Do not show any person to another occupant's apartment or tell them where they live!

## **Safety and Security on Campus**

Cameras operate in and around UC buildings 24/7 and are monitored by UC Security. UC Security are there if you need assistance on campus. They also offer an escort service from and to anywhere on Campus 24/7 – call 02 6201 2222.

- UC Security Website: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/security>
- UC Security Phone Number: 02 6201 2222
- Security intercom phones are also available around campus!

## **Insurance and Security for Your Belongings**

UniLodge @ UC is not responsible for any damage and or loss caused to personal items during your stay with us. This includes items in your apartment, personal items being used in common areas or belongings in any area of the greater building facility including bike sheds.

All Residents are strongly advised to take out their own contents insurance cover to their personal belongings and items such as stereos, computers, personal electronics, bicycles and clothing as they are not covered by UniLodge @ UC policies.

# Residential Life and Student Support

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At UniLodge @ UC we strive to provide community-based support as well as facilitating a comprehensive residential life program to supplement our occupants' studies.

The Residential Life team are your first point of contact for support within our Lodges. Our team consists of:

Business Hours	After Hours
Residential Life Manager	Residential Life Coordinators x 2
Residential Life Coordinators x 2	Duty Managers
Residential Life Assistants x 8	Residential Life Assistants x 8
Office Staff in each of our Lodges	Residential Life Manager (on call)
UC Security	UC Security

The Residential Life team work toward build a sense of community and help provide the pastoral care network. The team is supported by our live-in manager who is on call to assist with emergency situations. Each team member is trained in first aid, fire safety, mental health first aid and crisis management. The team act as student advocates relaying issues and concerns that arise within the building to our Residential Life Manager.

The team moves around throughout the Lodges and work together to ensure you have support when it is needed. Everyone contributes to implementing academic, social, wellbeing and sporting events throughout the Lodges. One of the big advantages of living in a community is that there is always someone there to help. If you are concerned for yourself or another resident, the sooner you let us know the sooner we can connect you to someone who can help. We encourage you to talk to your Residential Life team or the Residential Life Manager!

# Health and Wellbeing

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UniLodge @ UC strives to provide community-based support. One of the biggest advantages of living at UniLodge is our 24/7 support structure readily available to assist occupants.

Our UniLodge team are here to support you and provide guidance, assistance and referral where necessary.

If you have concerns for your personal wellbeing or that of another resident, please do not hesitate to contact our team. Our staff are trained to assist you with any concerns you may have. For further support you can contact the Residential Life Manager. If necessary we can refer you to the appropriate services both on and off campus for additional support.

Your personal concerns are addressed in confidence on a need to know basis. However please be aware some issues may need to be escalated to external support services to provide yourself or another resident the highest level of care.

## **Mental Health**

If you or another occupant is struggling with mental health please get in contact with the RA, Residential Life Manager or in severe cases emergency services on 000.

UniLodge staff will attempt to ensure that appropriate supports are in place and that follow up with concerned residents is undertaken.

There are mental health support services that we can connect occupants to including ACT Mental Health, University Medical and Counselling Centre or with another medical service provider. A 'Safety Plan' may also be developed in collaboration with the resident.

For more information and support for mental health issues please visit [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

If UniLodge has reasonable concerns that an occupant is likely to cause harm to themselves or others, it may take reasonable steps to prevent that harm from occurring.

## **Notifiable Disease and Communicable disease**

If an occupant obtains a Notifiable Disease, they are required to notify UniLodge, fill in an Iviva Report and follow medical directives at all times.

## **Disability or health issue**

UniLodge @ UC strongly supports the right of people with disabilities to enjoy student accommodation while enrolled in university. If you require any additional support, please contact UniLodge and we will work with you to make reasonable adjustments to work with you to do so.

# Health and Wellbeing

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## **Emergency Medical Procedure / Transport to hospital**

In the case of an emergency, call 000 for an ambulance. Ambulance costs are the responsibility of the person requiring medical care. It is highly recommended that occupants have health cover that includes ambulance travel.

## **Informing Emergency Contact Persons**

In cases where there is considerable concern for the health or wellbeing of a resident or the occupant is unable to communicate their wishes, UniLodge management may contact the emergency contact persons nominated by the resident.

**Persons under the age of 18 will have their emergency contact or guardian contacted in all cases.**

## **Health and Wellbeing Contact List**

- Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance): 000
- UC Security Team: 02 6201 2222
- University of Canberra Medical & Counselling Centre: 02 6201 2351
- University of Canberra Welfare: 02 6206 8841
- University of Canberra Inclusion & Engagement: 02 6201 5233
- Calvary Hospital: 02 6201 6111
- Lifeline (24 hour telephone counselling service): 13 11 14
- Mental Health Crisis Assessment Team (CATT): 1300 629 354
- Weeden Lodge Reception/Duty Phone: 02 6113 5000 or 0403 794 167
- Cooper Lodge Reception/ Duty Phone: 02 6109 4200 or 0438 453 197
- UC Lodge Reception/ Duty Phone: 02 6110 4000 or 0466 502 602

# Living Together

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Living in a close community like UniLodge @ UC can be a lot of fun, but it does require consideration and respect for other members of the community. It requires compromise and reaching reasonable mutual expectations as this is everyone's home. Most often conflict occurs due to a lack of communication. If you have an issue with a roommate or a neighbour, we encourage our residents to be proactive and:

1. Talk about the issue respectfully and politely with the residents involved. Explain why you have a problem and try to come to a mutual agreement through compromise and understanding.
2. If you find that you are unable to come up with a mutually acceptable solution you can call the Residential Life team to discuss the issue. Your Residential Life team may arrange a house meeting with your roommate/s and/or the other resident and facilitate an open and respectful discussion.
3. We encourage our residents to make sincere attempts to settle their conflict by being open with each other. If you have tried this and are still unable to reach an understanding, please contact the Residential Life Manager and we will offer assistance through mediation. Keep in mind that it is very difficult to arrange a room move during the semester, so being flexible and open to solutions is important when addressing the issue.

# Living Together

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## **Get To Know Your Flatmates - Tips for a Happy Apartment**

Many residents at UniLodge @ UC live in multi-share apartments. This means that you share the kitchen, lounge area and the bathroom with other roommates. Multi-share common areas are for the enjoyment of all residents and it is the responsibility of all roommates to keep them in a tidy manner.

Here are some tips towards getting to know and living happily with your roommates:

- Introduce yourself to your roommates and have conversations with them whenever you can. Encourage open communication between one another.
- Respect others' sleeping and studying habits by not creating excessive noise after hours. This includes being aware of the noise you make and/or any of your guests. This is a common courtesy which you should extend to all occupants.
- Clean up after yourself and always do your fair share of the cleaning. We suggest creating a cleaning roster for the kitchen, bathroom and vacuuming. This may include taking turns to take out the garbage. If you and your roommate/s are unable to come to an agreement independently, an RA or staff member may be able to assist you.
- Don't use other people's things without asking and do not steal other roommate's food, drink or belongings. If this occurs, please speak to an RA and/or Management as needed.
- Clean your dishes as you use them and be considerate with your use of shared facilities and equipment.
- Sharing the cooking is a great way to try new foods and cut costs.
- If you have guests staying, take the time to inform your roommates and introduce them! Asking if your roommates mind if you have guests over is always a polite gesture.
- Always store valuable items in your room and avoid leaving personal items in the common living areas.
- Remembering that all occupants of UniLodge @ UC are students. Living with other students provides opportunities to study together, learn together and have a great university experience.
- Suggesting social activities that you and your roommates could attend together within or outside of UniLodge @ UC may be a great way to make new friends and meet more people.

# Residential Life Program

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## **What is Residential Life?**

Residential Life is an integrated, contemporary, residential life program, run by UniLodge for our residents. It is designed to support and bring out the best in each resident through the duties and activities carried out by - the Residential Life Manager, Residential Life Coordinators, Residential Life Assistants, and the customer service staff.

UniLodge runs a program we call Project 100 where we make contact with each and every resident every fortnight. You should find a QR code on the back of your apartment door where you can log in each fortnight and complete a questionnaire, if you do this we won't call you unless you indicate that you aren't doing so well. If we don't hear from you we will follow up with you.

It's ok to not be ok, and if you let us know that you aren't ok we will help if you are willing to accept it. We aren't trained professionals, but we work very closely with key people and can refer you on if you need to be. We can often fast track you into appointments so reach out to us, we are here for you.

## **UniLodge's Multicultural Vision**

We promote a culture of mutual respect, tolerance and celebration of diversity. We aim to provide opportunity for the building of cross-cultural understanding and friendship. So, everyone: feels respected, looks out for everyone else, belongs and shares a sense of family, friendship and belonging, interacts with, learns from, and values - all peoples.

## **What does the Program Aim to Achieve?**

Our Residential Life Program has been designed with you in mind and has been refined over the past 10 years to be the best program on offer! The Residential Life Program helps to build a sense of community at each UniLodge property, where our residents and staff are there for each other. Based on a holistic framework, the program focuses on five key areas and is meant to make sure you stay healthy, connected, motivated at your studies and learn skills to maintain your wellbeing and build a future career.

## **What types of activities are there?**

- Socially responsible activities such as getting residents involved in raising much needed funds for a charity such as Movember, or participation in community activities.
- Barbeques and nights full of entertainment which encourages integration, fun and friendship.
- Trips to Aussie fun spots - go surfing, indoor rock-climbing, bike riding to great Australian icons
- Educational and special interest forums, seminars and focus groups.
- Life skill sessions such as budget workshops, interview skills, and resume writing workshop.
- Games nights and movies nights.
- Sporting activities such as netball, basketball, footy, cricket – it's up to you!
- International parties and cultural activities.



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## **Stay Up to Date**

To keep up to date with information and happenings at our Lodges, please ensure you are checking your email and pigeonhole (mailbox) regularly. Also, keep an eye out for our U-News newsletter.

UniLodge UC also communicates to our students via our official social media platforms. Furthermore, our Residential Life team coordinate Facebook pages for our Lodges as a discussion forum.

Please see below the names to search for our social media platforms:



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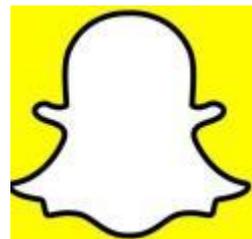
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# Sexual Harassment

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UniLodge and the University of Canberra take a zero-tolerance approach to sexual misconduct while living or studying on campus. Reports made by survivors or witnesses of sexual misconduct are treated with the utmost confidentiality, seriousness and empathy.

## **Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment is any unwelcome sexual advance, unwelcome request for sexual favours or any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, which, in the circumstances, a reasonable person would anticipate the possibility that the recipient would feel offended, humiliated or intimidated. Examples of this conduct include:

- Unwelcome touching, staring or leering
- Sexually explicit pictures or posters
- Unwanted invitations to go out on dates
- Requests for sex
- Intrusive questions about a person's private life.

## **Reporting Sexual Harassment**

If you have been sexually assaulted or harassed, you can report this to the following people for support, advice and referral:

- UC Director of Student Life - (02) 6201 2284
- UC Medical & Counselling - (02) 6201 235
- UC Student Welfare - (02) 6206 8841
- UC Security - (02) 6201 2222
- Police – 000
- Any Residential Life or UniLodge Staff member you feel comfortable speaking to.
- UniLodge Residential Life Manager - (02) 6109 4201

## **Support for Survivors**

Support for Survivors

- Counselling Centre @ UC - (02) 6201 2351: Provides counselling and referral for students who have experienced sexual assault.
- Canberra Rape Crisis Centre - 6247 2525: CRCC is available for any woman, man or child who has experienced any form of sexual abuse.
- Australian Federal Police – 131 444: Sexual Harassment is a serious crime and you can go to the police for help or to report this crime

# Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, Gambling and Parties

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## **Drugs and Illegal Substances**

The use of/or being under the influence of or being in possession of any illegal substance on the UC campus is strictly forbidden. This means that under NO circumstances are any illegal substances or drug paraphernalia permitted within the complex. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate eviction.

If you feel you are having problems due to drug use (or know another occupant who is), please talk to your Residential Life team. We can put you in touch with people who can help you including the University of Canberra Medical and Counselling Centre. We will endeavour to provide you with reasonable, discreet and confidential support.

## **Alcohol**

UniLodge @ UC encourages a safe and responsible attitude towards the use of alcohol in the community. We would like to remind occupants and their guests that they each share a duty of care towards their fellow occupants and guests within UniLodge @ UC.

- Alcohol is to be consumed in a responsible fashion at UniLodge @ UC. Occupants and their guests have the responsibility to ensure that their decision to consume alcohol does not negatively impact the broader community.
- Occupants do not have the right to pressure other people to consume alcohol. This behaviour is seen as not in the spirit of community and is unacceptable at UniLodge @ UC.
- A person under 18 years of age must not purchase, be served or supplied with, or consume alcohol at UniLodge @ UC.
- In the event that an occupant or their guest's behaviour is seen to be impactful to the community, then security, police, or management may be contacted to resolve the situation.
- Alcoholic drinking games and activities that promote binge drinking are not permitted at UniLodge @ UC.

**Persons under the age of 18 will have their emergency contact or guardian contacted if they are found to be intoxicated or consuming alcohol.**

Worried about the drinking habits of a friend or occupant? Contact your Residential Life team or speak to the University of Canberra Medical and Counselling Centre for advice on how you can help them. UniLodge @ UC will be responsive to the needs of occupants with alcohol related problems through appropriate support and referral mechanisms.

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## **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the UC campus, which includes all areas in and immediately surrounding Weeden Lodge. Persons who wish to smoke while staying at UniLodge must adhere to the University of Canberra smoking policy.

You can find more information about the University's smoking policy at the following link:

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/health-and-support/tobacco-free-campus#>

Smoking of any substance is NOT PERMITTED in any room, apartment, stairwell (fire stairs), or indoor area of the building. If it is found that you have been smoking in your room or tampered with fire related equipment then action may be taken under the Occupancy Agreement, and you may also be fined. A call out fee for ACT Fire and Rescue are approximately \$1,500 per instance which is passed on to you. Repairs and maintenance charges for tampering with Fire Equipment eg smoke detectors will be passed on to you.

Occupants who wish to stop smoking should contact the University of Canberra Health service for assistance, visit the Quit now website or call the Quit line 13 78 48.

## **ADES – Alcohol & Drug Education Specialists course:**

Occupants are requested to enrol and complete this course to understand what is expected from them in community living. For further details contact the Residential Life Manager @ UC.

## **Gambling**

Gambling is not permitted on the premises. This includes social and/or informal gambling events ie poker.

## **Parties and Social Events**

Parties are a part of university life and occupants may hold parties at UniLodge @ UC. Occupants hosting parties need to be aware that they are accepting a significant responsibility. The below guidelines are intended to help the host have a safe and fun party, and to explain UniLodge's policy with regard to parties.

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## **Host Guidelines**

- The RLM or Duty Manager are there to help. If you feel you are losing control of the party or if you are concerned for the wellbeing of one of your guests please contact the RLM, Duty Manager, or UC-Security.
- Don't ignore behaviour which is unacceptable. If an attendee is doing something which breaches this Handbook or the Occupancy Agreement, or makes you feel uncomfortable, you are entitled to ask them to leave – if you are not comfortable in doing so, call the Duty Phone.
- Drink responsibly, as host of the party you are responsible for your guests at all times.
- Be conscious of any noise curfews which are in effect. Respect the noise curfew, and plan to wrap up the party or move the party off-site. During exam periods a full noise curfew is in effect.
- Know who is coming ahead of time. Be aware of 'plus-ones' and limit it where possible.
- Avoid facilitating drinking games or activities which encourage binge-drinking.
- Where you anticipate having more than 20 party attendees, let reception or the Duty RA know so that our staff can be ready to support you if needed.
- If you are hosting a party in a Multishare apartment, you require the consent of all your housemates.

## **UniLodge Guidelines**

- The RLM, Duty Manager or UC Security are on call to offer reasonable assistance to the host in closing down a party and responding to concerns for any attendee's wellbeing.
- Enforce any noise curfews which are in effect in a polite and reasonable manner.
- UniLodge may close down the party for any reason. Common reasons for a party being closed down are:
  - The party is unreasonably disruptive to other occupants or has extended past the noise curfew.
  - Attendees are causing damage to Common Property.
  - Staff are unable to locate the host or the host is visibly intoxicated.
  - An attendee has required medical assistance or staff have reasonable concern that there is a safety risk.
  - Any other reason the staff member deems as an appropriate reason to close down the party.
- If UniLodge finds out that an under 18 resident is consuming alcohol, their legal guardian will be informed. Occupants found to be supplying alcohol are breaking the law.
- Any evidence of drug use may result in the police being called.
- If a party or the attendees are unmanageable or the staff member has concern for their safety, the police may be called to help close down the party.

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## **When things go wrong**

- Management may issue a breach notice in accordance with the Occupancy Agreement, or fines in response to breaches of this Handbook or the Occupancy Agreement.
- Where a non-resident breaches this Handbook or the Occupancy Agreement, they may be instructed to leave UniLodge and not permitted to return.
- Where a non-resident has been instructed to leave UniLodge, all future access is considered trespass and the police will be contacted.
- Hosts may be charged for any damage or cleaning in common property.

## **Criminal Activity**

Any criminal activity will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Criminal activity includes the supply of alcohol to those younger than 18 years old.

Persons under the age of 18 will have their emergency contact or guardian contacted if they are found to be intoxicated or consuming alcohol.

# Cleaning & Maintenance

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## What Am I Expected To Clean?

All Occupants are expected to:

- Clean and vacuum their room on a regular basis.
- Clean their bathroom, shower and toilet of any grime/mould, dust/hair and stains that may occur while they are residing in their apartment.
- Maintain their room, kitchen and bathroom in a hygienic manner Clean the internal windows and walls in their room.

Occupants who live in multi-share apartments are also expected to:

- Participate equally with other occupants in keeping the apartment common areas clean.
- Clean all appliances and surfaces within an apartment.
- Clean the internal areas of the cook top, range hood, oven and refrigerator equipment.
- Remove garbage from the apartment regularly (preferably daily).

Where it is brought to the attention of management that a room/apartment is not being cleaned or is unhygienic, occupants of that room/apartment will be requested to thoroughly clean the room/apartment.

If following such notification the room/apartment is not promptly cleaned to comply with basic cleanliness and health standards, management may arrange for the Apartment to be cleaned at the expense of the Occupant(s).

At the discretion of management, multishare apartments may be inspected on a more frequent basis to ensure the apartment is being kept in a clean and hygienic manner.

Vacuum cleaners are available at reception on request. Other cleaning products are the responsibility of the resident.

## Shopping list for cleaning

This list is not exhaustive but can be a good starting point. Use what is required and recommended for each surface. When using chemicals, please always follow the instructions on the chemical's packaging. Typical precautions are to wear gloves and to never mix chemicals as this can result in unanticipated reactions.

1. Multipurpose Spray	2. Cloths
3. Mop	4. Scouring Brush
5. Bleach	6. Toilet Brush
7. Dishwashing Liquid	8. Lint Brush (as required)
9. Dishwasher cleaner (as required)	10. Oven Cleaner (as required)

If you accidentally inhale or swallow, accidentally get in your eyes or see an unexpected reaction on your skin call the Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26. The Poison Information Centre can give advice over the telephone if should present to a doctor or call an ambulance.

If you ever feel unwell then go to hospital, call an ambulance or **Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26** for help and notify a member of our team.

# Cleaning & Maintenance

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## **Maintenance Requests and Repairs**

All requests for repairs or replacements in your apartment can be logged via the Resident Portal. Requests are carried out Monday to Friday by our maintenance staff. Occupants should report any problem that may cause immediate damage to the property (ie: water, flooding, fire, smoke etc.) or constitute a safety or security risk to Reception or the Manager on duty immediately.

Maintenance does their best to ensure that urgent repairs are dealt with immediately and will prioritize issues which are very disruptive to occupants. This may not always be possible due to the availability of contractors and parts required for repairs. Occupants are not permitted to repair or replace electrical, plumbing, heating, security equipment, glass or any other item at UniLodge @ UC nor are they permitted to contract with any third party for such repairs.

All occupants are liable for replacement costs of consumable items in their apartment as well as all costs to repair or replace any damaged common property caused by them or through their negligence (such as failing to report a significant water leak within their apartment or obstructing access or works in an apartment in a maintenance emergency).

In all instances UniLodge @ UC strives to keep maintenance charges as low as possible within the constraints of costs levied by commercial service providers, contractors and supplies.

If you submit a maintenance request, you have given UniLodge @ UC permission to enter your room/apartment to carry out the requested maintenance and repairs. If you wish to be present, you should request an appointment. Please note, appointments are not available for maintenance emergencies.

## **Maintenance Requests and Repairs**

If there is an emergency situation such as an electrical fault, any leak or plumbing emergency, a room door that won't lock or anything that could be potentially hazardous, harmful or generally unsafe please call Reception or the after hours RLM and Duty Manager immediately. UniLodge will access apartments for these or similar concerns.

# Cleaning & Maintenance

## Cleaning Checklist *(guide only)*

Item	Method	Checklist
Door(s)	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Walls	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Skirting Boards	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Flooring (Carpet)	Vacuum	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Flooring (Vinyl)	Vacuum, then mop.	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Kitchen Cabinetry	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Kitchen Sink	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Rangehood	Remove rangehood filter, soak in hot water and soap then scrub clean. Wait until dry before replacing.	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Stovetop	Multipurpose Spray and scouring brush	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Microwave (Internal and external surfaces)	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Oven	Oven cleaner / degreaser and scouring brush	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Dishwasher	Remove filter and empty into bin. Use dishwasher cleaner and follow instructions on the package. Do not use dishwasher until filter has been returned.	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Fridge and Freezer	Multipurpose Spray and cloth. Defrost as required.	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Waste Bins	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Dining Table and Chairs	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Desk Draws	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Wardrobe	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Mirror in Wardrobe	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Metal Basket Draws	Wet cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Bathroom Vanity Cupboard	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Toilet	Bleach and toilet brush	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Bathroom Sink	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Shower Head	Fill a bowl with water and some Multipurpose Spray, and submerge shower head.	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Tap Faucets	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Bathroom Mirror	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Study Desk	Multipurpose Spray and cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Desk Chair	Vacuum / Lint Brush	<input type="checkbox"/> 
TV and Remote	Dry Cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Desk Lamp	Dry Cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> 

# Building Facilities

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## **Laundry**

A coin-operated laundry facility with washing machines and dryers are located on the ground floor at UC Lodge. For effective cleaning and drying do not overload the machines. As there is a limited number of washers and dryers, we ask that residents collect their washing soon after it finishes.

If you have a problem with any of the washers or dryers inform Reception or a Duty Manager. Irons and Ironing boards are located in the laundry room.

## **Utility Fees and Other Charges**

Utilities and Service fees are paid in advance together with your occupancy fees. The weekly utility rate is made up of gas, water and electricity.

Residential Life Program Fees are to be paid in advance prior to the start of an Occupancy Agreement. The Residential Life Program Fee of \$120.00 is a flat rate per person per year.

Other services will include charges for telephone usage and vehicle park spaces (if applicable).

Other charges payable by occupants include repairs or replacements required for apartment maintenance. Apartment repairs include consumable items (such as batteries for remote controls, light bulb replacement) and damages or loss caused by negligence or misuse. Occupants are charged for any costs associated with apartment repairs including labour. These charges are to be paid in full once accrued.

# Guests / Holidays

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## **General Guest Information**

Where UniLodge become aware of a subletting arrangement, UniLodge will instruct the guest to vacate immediately. Subletting is a breach of your Occupancy Agreement. It is sub-letting if your guest uses your apartment in exchange for money or in exchange for them paying money to UniLodge on your behalf.

Unregistered guests or guests who breach the behavioural expectations of our community will be instructed to depart immediately. Should they return to the Lodge after having been instructed to leave, it will be considered trespass and may result in Security or Police being contacted.

UniLodge has the right to revoke a guest's right to be inside the Lodge at any time and for any reason.

## **Guest Behaviour**

All guests are expected to read the UniLodge @ UC Handbook and comply with the Rules and the Occupancy Agreement. Any behaviour which would be unacceptable by a resident or UC Student is unacceptable for a guest and will result in the immediate expulsion of the guest from our properties.

## **Guests staying with you**

You are allowed to have guests stay with you periodically throughout the year. Guests are permitted for up to 1 night per week.

If management has reason to believe that a guest is residing permanently in your apartment, management may issue warnings or require the guest demonstrate that they have an alternate place of residence prior to being allowed to stay as a guest at UniLodge.

## **Multishare Apartments**

If you are staying in a Multi-share Apartment, guests must stay within the Resident's room and not common lounge areas. All roommates must give permission and sign off on the Guest Form prior to the guest's arrival. Roommates may withdraw permission for the guest to stay in the apartment at any time and for any reason.

# Social Media Guidelines

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UniLodge @ UC actively uses social media sites to build an online community. Our official UniLodge @ UC Facebook page allows prospective and current students, their families, alumni, staff and friends of UniLodge @ UC to share content, ideas and experiences, and find helpful information. We have Lodge specific Facebook pages which act as a platform to enable current residents to communicate with other residents residing in the same Lodge as them, with ease. We invite you to use them to connect with UniLodge @ UC and our community of residents.

To keep the sites enjoyable and lively, please respect the rules of the various social media platforms, and also observe the following guidelines. UniLodge @ UC reserves the right to remove posts that don't comply.

These guidelines will grow and change as the social media networks themselves grow and change. Please contact your respective Lodge via email if you believe these guidelines need to be changed, or additional guidelines added.

Please keep in mind if you have a question or concern regarding your stay at UniLodge the best way to receive feedback is by contacting our Reception team. For privacy reasons, UniLodge staff are generally unable to discuss individual accommodation related matters online through social media platforms.

## **General Guidelines**

- **Think before you post.** It is in your best interest to be mindful of your digital footprint. Would you want your parents or future boss to see what you have posted?
- **Be respectful.** Language or targeted comments which would be unacceptable offline is unacceptable online. Obscenities, personal attacks, and defamatory comments about any person, group, organisation or belief will be removed.
- **Don't be a bully.** Online bullying or targeting will not be tolerated. Residents who breach this code of conduct be it online or otherwise will be issued formal warnings and may face eviction.
- **Keep it relevant.** Think to yourself what is the purpose for my post or comment. Anything that is deemed irrelevant to the overall intended purpose of the social media sites will be removed.

# In Case of Emergencies

## Fire/floods/bomb threats/medical emergencies/intruders/black outs

Your apartment is equipped with a smoke and fire detector. Some apartments may also be fitted with a sprinkler head.

You will find your evacuation plan on your apartment door. In an emergency situation, you should evacuate as per your evacuation plan or as otherwise directed by Staff or emergency services. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the location of alarms, fire fighting equipment and emergency exits.

Please familiarise yourself with how to use a fire blanket and fire extinguisher by reading the info-graphs below and ensuring you know where they are located in your room. If you cannot put the fire out leave the room, close door and call 000 for help. Staying safe should be your number one priority!

**Call 000 immediately for any life-threatening emergency and the Manager on Duty.**

### How to use a fire blanket

Light Duty: Suitable for burning clothing and small fires involving burning liquids.  
EXTINGUISHING ACTION : Smothering  
CLASSES OF FIRE  

For a substance in flames	For a person in flames
<p>1 Pull tape down until blanket is Released.</p> 	<p>1 Pull tape down until blanket is Released.</p> 
<p>2 Open blanket fully ensuring the blanket protects your hands, place gently over flames to seal fire from air.</p> 	<p>2 Open blanket fully ensuring the blanket protects your hands, wrap around the person to seal fire from air.</p> 
<p>3 Turn off power supply. Leave blanket over fire.</p> 	<p>3 Seek medical Assistance.</p> 

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# In Case of Emergencies

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## **What Can Cause A Fire?**

**Cooking Fires:** Cooking fires are a major cause of building fires. They are usually caused by cooking oil overheating (without someone to watch it), grease that has accumulated on the stove or range hood, and dish towels or potholders left too close to burners. When preparing food, don't leave the cooking area unattended. If a pan catches on fire, do not carry it, leave it on the stove, turn off the heat, cover the pan with a lid, fire blankets or use a fire extinguisher. Provide a safe place for dishtowels and potholders away from the heat of the stove. Don't wear loose clothing while cooking and never reach across a burner.

**Furniture Fires:** Fires in couches, chairs and bedding are usually caused by someone carelessly dropping cigarettes or leaving a hot item on combustible material.

**Smoking and naked flames are not allowed at UniLodge @ UC. Residents found to be smoking or where there is reasonable evidence to indicate that smoking has occurred in the apartment will be fined.**

**Electrical Fires:** Cracked and damaged appliance cords are the most common source of electrical fires. Check all electrical cords periodically to determine their condition and, if damaged, replace immediately.

Please note: Australian standard power points are 240 volts – if you have brought appliances into Australia be aware that some countries use different voltage devices and using them in Australian sockets can damage the appliance and cause a fire hazard.

**Never use water on Electrical fires. Turn appliance off if safe to do so.**

# Tips for Fire Safety

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Note: Steam, dust, aerosol and smoke can trigger fire alarms.

- If you are cooking and the smoke alarm goes off in your apartment, stop cooking, and immediately turn off the appliance at the wall
- If the alarm sounds in your room, you have 2 minutes to clear the cause of the alarm before triggering the building alarm
- When you are cooking - keep the door closed, open the windows and turn the room fan on if needed
- Make sure your exhaust fan is on when cooking and make sure it's clean
- When showering, turn the light/exhaust on and close the bathroom door. Please also close the door after you have stepped out of the shower whilst the steam dissipates
- If there is smoke or steam filling your apartment, do not open your apartment door. This will automatically set off the fire alarm for the entire building, which will result in the Fire Brigade being called and sending the entire building into full evacuation
- NEVER PUT OIL UNDER WATER
- DO NOT SMOKE IN YOUR ROOM!

**Any charges related to Fire Brigade attendance are born by the resident responsible for triggering that alarm. The Brigade charges approx. \$1549.00 but can charge more depending on the circumstances, these charges will be passed on to you.**

Steam, dust, aerosol and smoke can trigger our alarms. Be careful when using items such as irons, sprays, hairdryers and straighteners, aromatherapy supplies, heaters, or cooking equipment as these may trigger alarms. Residents are solely responsible for ensuring that any equipment they bring in does not present a fire hazard. Any breach of these rules may result in residents getting fines or an eviction.

**You must not cover, remove, interfere with, or permit any of your visitors to cover, remove or interfere with any smoke detector in the building.** Interfering with a smoke detector is a serious breach of your responsibilities. Any damage to the facilities as a result of unauthorised equipment or equipment usage will result in costs and fines being charge to residents. They may also serve as grounds for eviction. If you are caught tampering with a smoke detector in your room, apartment or anywhere else in the buildings there will be severe penalties, including heavy fines and possible eviction.

The smoke detector in your room is connected to the automated fire alarm system. The smoke detectors in corridors are connected directly to the Fire Control Panel, which relays to the Fire Brigade automatically.

**Do not tamper with or cover the smoke detectors or fire sprinklers – it is against the law. Fines of approximately \$1549.00 will apply and be charged on to you.**

# Fire Alarm Procedure

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## **If you have accidentally set off the Fire Alarm you should:**

1. Evacuate immediately and close your door behind you if the apartment is unsafe due to fire or smoke, otherwise:
2. Phone reception or the RA to inform staff of alarm.
3. Ensure your Rangehood is on and the vent in your bathroom is running
4. Fan smoke detector with a book or paper to disperse the smoke.
5. Continue fanning the smoke away from the detector until it stops beeping.
6. Note: You should always keep your door shut to contain the smoke or fire.

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## **Upon Fire Alarm Activation**

- Turn off all electrical/gas appliances
- Check your apartment for smoke and fire
- Close your apartment door and proceed to the nearest fire exit, checking for smoke and fire
- Assist any person (only if safe)
- Evacuate to assembly area – as directed and remain at assembly area and await further instruction
- Follow ALL directions from Emergency Services Personnel or UniLodge Fire Wardens or staff

**Do not use the lifts in any fire emergency, in case of an emergency dial 000.**

## **Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEP)**

Some residents may request or require a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan due to a visual, hearing, mobility impairment or for any other reason. This may be a temporary arrangement due to an injury such as a broken leg, or it can be a more permanent arrangement.

Please contact management if you would like to put in place a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan.

If the alarm sounds please follow direct instruction from UniLodge staff. UniLodge staff will investigate and communicate feedback and instruction via the building loudspeaker.

If you hear an alert tone “BEEP”, please remain calm and wait for instruction. You do not need to evacuate the building at this point, only get ready to evacuate.

If you hear the evacuation tone “WHOOOP”, or are instructed to evacuate, try to remain calm and make your way to the nearest FIRE EXIT and continue to the Evacuation Muster Point unless otherwise directed by Emergency Personnel or UniLodge Fire Wardens.

# Fire Alarm Procedure

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## **Evacuation Assembly Location**

If you are instructed to evacuate, please assemble at the specified evacuation area;

UC Lodge Assembly Point - across Pantowora Street in the grass area between The Coffee Grounds Cafe and Building 25.

Cooper Lodge Assembly Point – across Pantowora Street in the Disabled Car Park area.

Weeden Lodge Assembly Point – Up the road on the grassed area between the Oracle apartments and Weeden Lodge on Chandler Street.

## **Fire Sprinklers & Detectors**

If you are instructed to evacuate, please assemble at the specified evacuation area;

- The smoke detectors and fire sprinklers are connected to a fully automatic fire alarm.
- Any interference with any smoke detector or fire sprinkler is a serious breach and will incur severe penalties and will put everyone else in the building at risk.
- Do not touch the smoke detectors or fire sprinklers.
- Do not hang any item on any sprinkler device.

Touching the fire sprinkler may cause the sprinkler to activate sending hundreds of litres of water into the area, which will flood your apartment and those below. Severe damage costs will be imposed on any person who damages a fire sprinkler.

## **Preventing Fire Hazards**

As a resident you must not partake in any act or behaviour that will promote hazard to yourself or someone else. This includes, but is not limited to – preventing easy access or exit from the building by leaving personal articles or rubbish blocking any thoroughfare or interfering with any fire safety notice or equipment. It is a serious offence to block a fire exit, should any resident be caught obstructing any fire exit they may face eviction and charges.