

Students' Rights and Responsibilities (cont.)

2. Because dress codes and appearance policies may effectively bar students from participating in college events they would otherwise wish to, the greatest care should be taken when determining and applying such codes and policies. Interference with a student's ability to participate in college events and activities is normally grounds for judicial charges under the rules and regulations and so any decision to limit this ability must be carefully considered.

3. In general, the college discourages the creation and application of dress/appearance codes unless such codes are demonstrably necessary to the function of the program.

4. Adherence to an appearance or dress code may not be required for membership in a student organization.

5. Public health laws require that shirts and shoes be worn in dining halls.

Q. Animals in Public Buildings or on the Campus

Dogs may not be brought into college buildings, including college housing units or other facilities. (Service animals accompanied by their blind users are exempted from this section of the regulation.) Dogs running loose on the campus, in violation of the city leash-law, may be picked up and impounded by Office of Safety and Security or the City Dog Warden. Dogs may not be tied or leashed to any trees, shrubs, sign posts, railings, or other such stationary objects on campus.

For information pertaining to caged pets, see Housing and Dining Regulations, section D.6.

R. Unauthorized Keys

Any student who is found to have in his/her possession a key to any college room, residence or building for which he/she is not authorized, or who misuses an authorized master key, is subject to suspension or dismissal. Unauthorized keys must be surrendered upon demand to any college officer or staff representative.

S. Dangerous Weapons, Fireworks, or Explosives

Because of the danger posed to the college community, possession of dangerous weapons, fireworks, or explosives on college property is expressly forbidden. Definition of these items includes, but is not limited to, the following: firearms (to include BB guns and all other types of air or spring-powered weapons), knives, firecrackers or sparklers, gunpowder, dangerous instruments (including lock-picking devices), and unstable and hazardous chemicals, except for those stored and used in the appropriate laboratory facilities.

T. Use of Fire Escapes and Roof Tops

Use of the fire escapes on any college building is permitted in emergency situations only. Any nonemergency use of fire

escapes is expressly forbidden and will be considered an act of trespass.

Presence on the rooftop of any college building is forbidden. Persons with a need to go on the rooftop must have written authorization from the Director of Facilities Operations and the Director of Safety and Security prior to doing so. Any unauthorized presence on a rooftop will be considered an act of trespass.

Sunbathing is permitted on the designated sun deck roofs located at Harkness and Fairchild. (Any roof area that must be accessed by a window is not a designated sunbathing area.)

U. Unauthorized Entry or Presence in College Facilities

Unauthorized entry or presence in college facilities is strictly prohibited and will be considered an act of trespass. Unauthorized entry or presence will include, but not be limited to, the following violations: entry/ presence in a residence hall when said facility is closed for a vacation or break period; remaining in a facility after closing hours; entry/presence in the office, studio, laboratory or residence hall room of another person without the permission of the assigned occupant, resident, building representative, or college official with valid authority to permit same; and entry/presence in any college facility that is closed or otherwise restricted as to use or activity.

V. Possession of Stolen Property

Property rights are an important consideration within any community. For this reason, no person shall at any time have in their possession or under their immediate control, on Oberlin College grounds, the unlawfully obtained (stolen) property of another person or of any firm, institution or municipality.

"Unlawfully-obtained" or "stolen" property shall refer to any items of material value possessed/controlled by an individual without the explicit permission or authorization of the owner or the owner's designated representative.

W. Motor Vehicle Parking and Traffic Regulations

1. Motor Vehicle Parking and Traffic Regulations are designed to best utilize existing parking facilities and maintain an orderly flow of traffic on campus.

2. The Oberlin College Office of Safety and Security is responsible for the administration of the regulations.

3. Oberlin College assumes no responsibility or liability for a motor vehicle or its contents while parked or operated on the property of the college.

4. Registration – All motor vehicles owned or operated on college property must be registered with the Office of Safety and Security. This includes vehicles owned or operated by students who live off campus but park on