

GUESTS

Boston University grants students the privilege of hosting guests in the student residences. In addition, a resident's ability to host guests is, in fact, a courtesy extended by a roommate or roommates. A foundation of the guest policy is that guests are only permitted with the consent of a resident's roommate(s). Students are expected to communicate with each other to work out arrangements for guests within a shared room, suite, or apartment. Members of the Residence Life staff are available to assist students who may require support or guidance in working with a roommate about the presence of guests in their shared accommodations, and especially in cases where a roommate displays a lack of consideration for others or abuses the privilege of hosting guests.

For the purposes of this policy, a resident is a student who is assigned to a room, suite, or apartment in the Boston University residence system. A guest is an individual who is not assigned to said resident's room, suite, or apartment. An overnight guest is a guest who visits between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. (or any fraction thereof).

Generally, residents must accompany their guests at all times. A resident may have no more than three (3) guests at a time, and guests may stay in a room or apartment no more than three consecutive nights in a week. Residents are able to have guests stay overnight for no more than seven (7) such visits each semester.

Guests are expected to respect and comply with all rules and regulations while in or around the residences. At all times, residents are responsible for the conduct and activity of their guests, including any damage caused to University property and violations of policies for student residences.

Resident (on-campus) students who wish to visit a residence other than the one they are assigned can use their Terrier Card (BU ID) to gain access between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 a.m., each day.

A non-resident BU (off-campus) student with a dining plan can use his or her BU ID to gain access to University residences with dining rooms during times that those dining rooms are open.

No overnight guests are permitted during the first two weeks of the academic year and during study and final examination periods.

In addition, the following procedures and conditions apply to guests and are specific to the residences indicated:

1. Guests within 575 Commonwealth Avenue, 1019 Commonwealth Avenue, Danielsen Hall, Myles Standish Hall, Shelton Hall, The Towers, Warren Towers, and West Campus residences

- a. Between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m., a building resident must sign in all non-BU guests; for buildings without a dining room, or when the dining room is closed in buildings with a dining room, a resident must sign in non-resident BU students. Prior to going into the residence, the host's Terrier Card (BU ID) must be scanned and the guest must leave an identification card with a photograph with a residential safety officer.
- b. For the purposes of a one-night visit, between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., each day, guests must check-in at a Residential Safety desk. A resident must meet any guest in the lobby of the building and the resident must escort the guest into the residence. Prior to entering the residence, the resident host's Terrier Card (BU ID) must be scanned and the guest must leave an identification card with a photograph with a residential safety officer.
- c. A resident who wishes to have a guest visit overnight must request these overnight privileges by submitting an overnight guest pass to a residential safety officer of the residence before 2 a.m. of the overnight period in which he or she would like to have the guest stay. The resident's roommate must provide written consent. (Residence Life staff members will confirm that roommate(s) consent was given the business day following the use of an overnight guest pass.)

2. Guests within the residence at 10 Buick Street

Residents must obtain verbal authorization from roommate(s) to host an overnight guest. A resident must meet guests in the lobby and must escort the guest into the building. Prior to going into the residence, the resident host's Terrier Card (BU ID) must be scanned and the guest must leave an identification card with a photograph with a residential safety officer. Guests are permitted within the residence at any time, as long as they are accompanied by a 10 Buick Street resident.

3. Guests within Bay State Road Brownstones and South Campus Small Halls

Residents must obtain verbal authorization from roommate(s) to host an overnight guest. A resident must meet guests in the building's vestibule and must escort guests into the building. Guests are permitted within the residence at any time as long as they are accompanied by a building resident.