NCH Honor Code & House Rules

In order to emphasize and maintain the intent of the College Houses as integral in both the academic and residential life of Franklin & Marshall College, members of New College House must abide by the following honor code:

As a member of New College House, I pledge to respect the academic work, physical belongings and integrity of myself and my fellow classmates. I understand that failure to adhere to these principles may result in judicial action taken against me by the house judiciary, the house Dean and/or the Office of the Dean of the College.

In addition to the honor code, which is described in full in the constitution, members of New College House are expected to follow the rules governing life within the physical structure of New College House. The House Advisors (HAs) are responsible for enforcing the rules, which should be heeded by residents and non-residents alike, when they determine a rule has or is about to be broken. Please note that infractions of rules listed in bold are highly likely to result in judicial action being taken by the house Dean and/or the Office of the Dean of the College. All other repeated infractions will be addressed by the house judiciary, house Dean, and/or the Office of the Dean of the College in extreme cases.

Rules of New College House

**Smoking, Candles, or Incense**
As per college guidelines: smoking, or smoke of any kind, is prohibited in all college buildings and vehicles. Furthermore, smoking is prohibited within 30 feet of any entrance, air vent and window owned by the College.

**Tampering with Safety Equipment**
Disabling, intentionally setting off or vandalizing safety equipment (including a window safety latch) is prohibited as it jeopardizes the safety of you and others.

**Quiet Hours**
Sunday night - Friday morning = 11:30pm - 7:00am;
Friday night - Sunday morning = 12:00am - 11:00am.

During the day, all members of the house should make every effort to be as courteous as possible and keep noise to a minimum.

Quiet Hours are 24 hours a day during reading days and finals.

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**Common Spaces**
No furniture may be removed from any common space in the house. Treat all common spaces with respect and leave them in the same and/or in better condition than when you found them.

Spills - Almost all common spaces are carpeted or have floors that need immediate cleaning. Notify Dean Richter *immediately* of any spills while doing your best to clean it up first. Please also take a picture of the spill and email it to Dean Richter, who will contact F&O.

Kitchen – NCH Kitchen Managers will have access to the kitchen and will publicize how to reserve the space.

**Laundry Room**
Do unto others’ clothes as you would have them do unto yours, and don’t stop cycles early. If clothes sit in a particular machine unattended for an hour, place them carefully in a designated laundry bin or on a folding table in the laundry room. Unclaimed clothes will be gathered periodically and donated.

**Pets**
Other than fish and small aquatic pets that must live in an aquarium, there are to be no animals in New College House (even to visit). Having a pet may involve Public Safety, the College’s residential coordinator and fees from Facilities & Operations. Students responsible will be billed for any clean up and damage.

**Guests**
Guests must follow all house rules, and it is the host’s responsibility to make sure that they do. It is also the host’s responsibility to report all guests to their hall’s HAs. In addition, the host must get permission for a guest to be present in their room per the following guidelines:

- Guests staying overnight must have roommate approval.
- Guests staying between 2-3 nights must have roommate and hall approval.
- Guests staying over 4 nights must have roommate, hall and House Dean approval.

Failure to follow any of these guidelines will result in the guest being considered a trespasser on private property.

**Alcohol and/or Drugs**
Please see Franklin & Marshall College’s General Alcohol and Drug Policy in the [College Life Manual](#).