Living Off Campus:

Non-Emergency 585-428-7210
Emergency: 911
Rochester Police Department

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These pamphlets are offered by the Center for Campus Life for the commuter and off campus student population at RIT. The mission of the commuter organization is to advocate on behalf of these students and their needs to the larger RIT community. These publications are part of a series aimed at educating and informing commuter students about resources available to them, as well as tips for living safely off campus. For further topical information and to retrieve other pamphlets please email commuters@rit.edu or visit TheLink@RIT.

Good Neighbor Tips & Town Violations

Living off campus can be a fun adventure, but you should be aware of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, roommate, neighbor and community member. For many RIT students, choosing to move off campus is their first time living in an independent environment within a residential community. Students are reminded they are representing RIT and should conduct themselves and their guests in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, which still applies to your actions on-or-off campus. RIT can take disciplinary action when students violate federal, state or local laws, or when behavior adversely affects the Institute community. RIT and Campus Life want living off campus to be a rewarding experience for you!

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Tenant Obligations
• Keep the property safe & sanitary
• Dispose of all garbage appropriately
• Comply with housing, health & safety codes
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• Keep appliances in good working order
• Do not disturb your neighbors.
• Allow the landlord to enter the premises if the request is reasonable & proper advance was given.

Landlord Obligations
• Comply with all applicable building, housing, health, & safety codes
• Keep the property in a habitable condition
• Keep all common areas safe and sanitary
• Maintain all appliances and equipment
• Provide 24 hour notice prior to entering a unit unless there is an emergency.

Important Facts
• Any landlord who states heat will be available, must supply heat during the period from Sept. 15th to May 31st. A temperature of no less than 68 must be in all habitable areas.
• A landlord has no legal obligation to supply a tenant with parking, storage space, garage, yard, common area, snow removal, garbage cans or removal. However, if you are supplied with certain services, try to get it in writing.
• Landlords are required to maintain all utility systems up to code and in safe working order. It is a criminal offense for a landlord to shut off a tenant’s utility service.

Party Responsibly
Let neighbors know in advance if you’re having a social event and make sure guests follow parking laws. If serving alcohol you can be held legally responsible for your guests’ behavior and collecting money at your party to help cover costs is illegal. Monitor noise levels, parking, littering, public urinations and all possible violations.

Alcohol
The legal drinking age in NYS is 21. It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle under the influence. It is also illegal to be drunk in public places including: sidewalks, streets, parking areas, schools, play-grounds, parks and shopping centers.

As a party host you are responsible for your guests’ health. Here are signs that indicate alcohol poisoning, which if untreated can lead to death. Call 911 for help if these symptoms are seen:
• confusion
• irregular breathing
• vomiting
• unconsciousness
• blue-tinted | pale skin
• low body temperature

Noise Ordinance
Excessive noise is the largest neighborhood nuisance. You’re living in an area that is not only for students so you need to be considerate of everyone around you. The city of Rochester prohibits any unreasonable loud noise that disturbs the quiet and comfort of a person.

Parking
Be aware of your neighborhood’s off street parking laws and practices throughout various seasons.