



Housing Premises Policy

1. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding Delta Gamma housing.

2. Applicability and scope. This policy addresses rules for collegiate chapters with Delta Gamma housing or any Delta Gamma property as defined below, including housing rules and regulations within chapter bylaws as well as Fraternity-wide housing policies.

3. Effective date. This policy is in effect immediately.

4. References/Affiliations. Refer to the Delta Gamma Fraternity Constitution, the Housing Manual, 8.1 House Corporation and House Director/Employee Policy and the collegiate chapter's Bylaws and Standing Rules.

5. Responsibilities.

- a. Collegiate Members. Collegiate members shall be responsible for adherence to this policy at all times while on Delta Gamma property.
- b. Collegiate Chapter Officers and Advisers. Collegiate chapter officers and advisers shall be responsible for adherence to this policy by their chapter and its members, as well as by the house corporation for their chapter (if applicable).
- c. House corporation officers. House corporation officers shall be responsible for ensuring they and their boards comply with this policy.

Policy Statements.

- a. Member Live-In. A member must live in their legal guardian's home or designated Delta Gamma housing if space is available unless the Housing Waiver Board permits residence in other housing under exceptional circumstances.

- b. Chapter Live-Out Policy. Chapters must write their own live-out policy. The policy takes effect when membership exceeds living space in chapter housing. This policy must be included in the chapter's Bylaws and Standing Rules and approved by both the Regional Housing Specialist (RHS) and the Regional Collegiate Specialist (RCS)/Council Appointed Coordinator (CAC). The Housing Waiver Board may consider a waiver of this policy.
- c. Residents. Delta Gamma residential facilities are for member use. No one may live in a DG facility who is not an employee of the house corporation or a collegiate chapter member with a signed Room Agreement. Members without a signed room agreement may have access to the facility and its use during the hours stated in the Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules regarding visitors. The house is not assumed to be open 24/7 for safety and security reasons.
- d. Guests.
 - a. Member guest (Initiated Delta Gammas from any chapter or new members). The frequency of overnight guests is assumed to be random and not for regular or multiple use by the same guest. Exceptions for members without a signed Room Agreement may be made in accordance with the chapter's Bylaws and Standing Rules regarding guests.
 - b. Non-member guest (anyone other than an initiated member). The chapter facility will be closed to non-member guests as detailed in the chapter's BLSR, respecting private areas for resident use only. Members shall be responsible for their guests in the facility and observe visiting hours as indicated in the BLSR.
 - c. Employee guest. When school is not in session and there are no live-in members present, the house director may have guests with the permission of the RHS and the chapter's house corporation president or the Office of Housing (LLC and FMC chapters). All children under the age of eighteen (18) visiting an employee must be accompanied by a legal guardian or house corporation employee at all times.
- e. Live animals. Guests and non-resident members may not bring live animals on Delta Gamma property unless they are service animals. Waivers may be granted for a house director's pet, service animals-in-training or assistance animals for residents by application to the Housing Waiver Board.

- f. Illegal drugs. Drugs defined by state or federal law, including medically prescribed marijuana or prescription, may not be stored or used on Delta Gamma property. Drug paraphernalia may not be stored or used on Delta Gamma property.
- g. Alcohol. Alcohol may not be stored or used on Delta Gamma property.
- h. Security. All Delta Gamma housing must be locked twenty-four (24) hours a day. Housing and maintenance personnel, excluding the house director, are allowed in private areas only for maintenance, repair or transport/haulage.
- i. Fire Suppression. Each chapter shall take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all properties within the house, lodge or meeting room. Additionally, the appropriate local security officer (city policeman, campus guard, etc.) shall meet annually with the chapter to inspect security measures. Any recommendation must be relayed to the house corporation board for implementation. This security officer should also be asked to outline appropriate measures to be taken by individual members for self-protection.
- j. Fire Drills. Regular fire drills are required in all Delta Gamma properties, one in each academic term (twice a year). The first one of the year is to be under the direction of the local Fire Chief or their representative and should include instruction in the use of fire extinguisher equipment.
- k. Fire Suppression Systems/Heat Rate of Rise Detectors. All housing facilities owned by Delta Gamma house corporations, FHC and FMC, which have live-in residents, are required to have fire sprinkler systems and heat rate rise detectors. All Delta Gamma-owned or leased facilities, excluding campus-owned facilities, shall be equipped with fire extinguishers, fire alarms and smoke detector systems. Equipment shall be monitored monthly by the house director or house corporation. Fraternity visitors are not allowed to stay in facilities without fire suppression systems. House corporation will assist the chapter by providing accommodation for official Fraternity visits.
- l. Firearms/Explosives. The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive devices of any kind within the confines and premises of Delta Gamma property is expressly forbidden unless otherwise allowed by law.
- m. Open Flame. Open flames/candles may not be used in chapter facilities.

- n. Total Property Assessment. All house corporation-owned properties shall complete a total property assessment by an approved vendor once every five (5) years. A copy of the findings shall be sent to the Office of Housing for safekeeping.

Definitions.

- a. Delta Gamma Property. Delta Gamma property is defined as houses, apartments, townhouses, lodges, suites, dorms, dorm floors and meeting rooms. This includes yards, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots owned, rented, leased, or designated for Delta Gamma use by house corporations, chapters or institutions.
- b. Private Areas. Private areas are defined as bedrooms, sleeping porches, bathrooms and any other rooms specified by the vicinity of the designed private areas.

Policy Proponent and Exception Authority. The proponent of this policy is the Fraternity Treasurer.

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