



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY

# Residence Guidebook and Community Standards

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR



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## Land Acknowledgement

Stfx espi-kina'matno'kuom etek Mi'kma'ki, wejkwa'taqanik Mi'kmaq maqamikewmew mna'q iknmuetu'tik. Nalikitquniejik na Mi'kmawey wisun wjit Antigonish teluek Aklasie'w-iktuk, 'place where branches are torn off.'

StFX is located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. The Mi'kmaw name for Antigonish is Nalikitquniejik, meaning 'place where branches are torn off.'

The "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" cover this territory, which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. "As staff members and students, let us take this time to reflect as a collective that we will work together in the reconciliation of past and current harms and injustices of the Indigenous peoples of our province."

## Commitment to Equity and Intersectionality

We take time as a Xaverian community to reflect on our ongoing work and commitment to fostering inclusivity and culturally competent community.

The Department of Residence Life acknowledges the importance of equity for all Indigenous, Black Nova Scotians and their contributions over the last 400 years, newcomers & immigrants, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, persons of color, neurodivergent individuals and persons with different abilities in not only our province but in our lives, workplaces, and residences; that we ensure we continue to make space for their voices and contributions to be heard, acknowledged and valued as we continue to motivate our diversity, equity, and inclusion and accessibility work from intention to impact while recognizing we are all treaty people. As students and leaders, we encourage you to take time to build and maintain a community with inclusivity and cultural awareness at the forefront.

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## Welcome to Residence!

Dear Students,

Welcome to Residence Life at St. Francis Xavier University! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant community for the 2026-2027 academic year.

As your Manager, Residences I am committed to ensuring your experience is positive, engaging, and memorable. Our dedicated staff, including your Residence Life Coordinators, Senior Community Advisors (SCA), Community Advisors (CAs), and Manager, University Housing are here to support you throughout your stay.

Living in residence offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a diverse and inclusive community. Whether you are a first-year student or a returning resident, you can meet new people, participate in exciting events and activities, and create lasting memories.

We aim to create a safe and welcoming environment where you can thrive academically, socially, and personally. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources and services available.

As we embark on this new academic year together, I invite you to embrace the spirit of community, respect, and collaboration that defines residence life at StFX. I look forward to getting to know each of you and witnessing the positive impact you will undoubtedly have on our community.

Welcome, and best wishes for a successful year ahead!

Sincerely,

Brandon Randall  
Manager, Residences

## What it means to be Xaverian?

The Xaverian journey looks different for every student, but we all understand what it means to be Xaverian. Being Xaverian is an **action**. It is a commitment to caring about our community and working daily to improve it and ourselves. It is an understanding that, as a community, we embrace and live by the rights and responsibilities identified below:

**Belonging:** means being part of and making others feel part of a community. Here, we are seen, valued, and, without exception, belong.

**Resilience:** We grow most profoundly through adversity. Here, we support each other when faced with challenges, stress, or hardship.

**Courage:** Lead and always speak up for what is right. Courage is leading by example so that others can follow.

**Respect:** We value the dignity, feelings, wishes, rights, beliefs, boundaries, and traditions of others. We all deserve it.

**Learning:** We are open-minded, educating ourselves about the cultures surrounding us, seeking to understand perspectives other than our own, and reflecting on and growing from the ideas and experiences we encounter inside and outside the classroom.

**Flourishing:** We build on our strengths to develop optimal physical and mental health, happiness, social connections, meaning, purpose, and overall well-being.

**Community:** We are people responsible for and accountable to each other. Respect for self and others is central to being a healthy and engaged community member.

## X Starts Here Modules

**All new students, including transfer students are required to complete the X Starts Here modules.** They are designed to help you feel prepared for the transition to StFX and introduce you to the Xaverian values we hold dear on our campus.

Also found in X Starts Here are the four mandatory learning modules that make up the Xaverian Community Foundations certificate. These introduce you to consent education, academic integrity, healthy socializing, and anti-racism.

- You Belong @X
- Visible @X
- Academic Integrity @X
- Healthy Socializing @X



All new undergraduate (direct from high school, mature, and transfer students), BEd students, and diploma program students must complete the Xaverian Community Foundations modules to register for courses in the following academic year.

Please scan the QR code to access Kwe' and look for X Starts Here 2026.

## Get To Know Your Academic Calendar

It is not really a calendar – it is a catalogue of courses and important academic regulations. Each year, an academic calendar is published that includes essential information about your program, academic processes, and important dates.

Please scan the QR code to access your academic calendar.



## Your Student Email & Technology Set-Up

If you need access to your email or are experiencing other computer-related or telephone problems, contact IT Services at 902-867-2356 or [itservices@stfx.ca](mailto:itservices@stfx.ca). Please Scan QR code to access Service Catalog.



## Your Campus Resources – MyStFX

StFX offers excellent services to enrich and support its students' academic and personal well-being. Below are just a few of the resources STFX Offers:

- StFX Health and Counselling Centre
- Human Rights and Equity
- Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response
- Tramble Centre for Accessible Learning
- Student Career Centre
- Chaplaincy
- Wellspring
- International Student Support
- Diversity Engagement Centre
- And more!



Please scan the QR code to learn more about these resources and how to access them.

## Diversity On Campus

We are committed to promoting Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility within our residence and across campus. We aim to create vibrant and welcoming spaces enriched by diversity and inclusivity for all students.

Our campus and residence buildings are located on Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. Kiknu, "Our Home," is central to our values, which houses **StFX's Indigenous Student Centre: Kiknu**, located in the Markin Global Complex, Coady Institute. offering a welcoming and supportive environment for Indigenous students, promoting peer mentoring and learning, and embodies the spirit of friendship in our journey toward truth and reconciliation.

We collaborate with the Diversity Engagement Centre (DEC) and Campus Chaplain. The DEC is a space that celebrates and respects the diversity of our student body. It's a place where all students are welcome to study, socialize, and access resources. From hosting events such as Pride and African Heritage Month to providing support through advisors, the DEC is committed to making every student feel valued and respected for their unique identity.

If you have questions or need support regarding diversity and inclusivity or cultural or spiritual practices, don't hesitate to get in touch with us or speak with our Diversity Engagement Advisors or Chaplain. We are committed to fostering a community where everyone feels valued, respected, and included.



Please scan the QR code to access DEC Locations:

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## Your Residence Life Team

### Residence Life Coordinators (RLCs)

RLCs are full-time live-in professionals dedicated to one or two residence communities. Your RLC is your go-to first point of contact for anything you need. They are trained in many different areas, including crisis response, mental health first-aid, suicide intervention, conflict resolution, and mediation, and serve as support for you during your stay in residence. RLCs guide the community and address any issues that come up. They can connect you with the best resources to support your personal and academic wellbeing. If you need to contact your RLC, email them individually or by contacting [rlcs@stfx.ca](mailto:rlcs@stfx.ca) before arriving on campus. There is always an RLC on call, 24 hours a day that can be reached in emergencies by calling Safety and Security at 902-867-4444.

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### Senior Community Advisor (SCA)

Each building has an SCA. The SCA is an experienced team member who takes on additional leadership responsibilities within the building, Chairing the Residence Council. While CAs usually look after just one floor, the SCA provides guidance and leadership for the building community and Residence Council.

### Community Advisors (CA)

CAs are student leaders who live with you in your residence. Their role is to help build a strong community through hosting events and activities and promoting a safe environment where all belong. CAs are specifically trained to help you transition to residence life and are a great point of contact if you have questions about your residence, StFX in general or need advice. Your CA can direct you to any staff or service you may need.

## How the Housing Office Can Assist You

We are here to help you with any housing-related needs you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out for support! Housing Office will be more than happy to help and direct you for the following services:

- Maintenance requests and repairs
- Housing Contract questions and clarifications
- Meal plans
- Residence applications for next year

If you need assistance from the Housing Office, you can visit the office located in Morrison Hall on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact Housing by email [residence@stfx.ca](mailto:residence@stfx.ca), or phone (902)-867-3970. Please Scan the QR code for housing info and resources.



## Safety & Security Services

Safety & Security Services provides 24-hour coverage 365 days per year via the Safety & Security Operations Centre (SOC). In addition, our team of dedicated safety and security officers conducts regular campus vehicle and foot patrols, instilling confidence that everyone can live, learn, work, and enjoy a supportive and safe environment.



### ***In Case of an Emergency:***

**If you, a StFX student or community member, are in immediate danger:**

When you use a cell phone, call **911** first, followed immediately by a call to StFX Safety & Security Services at **(902)-867-4444**. Security Officers are ready to support any situation until emergency responders arrive on campus.

## Packing for Residence

As you prepare to move into your residence room, consider what you'll need to help you feel comfortable and settled. To help you get started, we've compiled a list of recommendations from past students.

### **What to Pack:**

- **Backpack and other required school supplies.**
- **Bedding:** Double-check bed type in the assigned room. Recommended: linens, pillows, mattress pads, twin/double sheets, and comforter sets.
- **Cell phone and charger.**
- **Clothing hangers.**
- **Cold, flu, and pain relief medicine, thermometer,** current prescription medications, and written prescription refills from your doctor.
- **Computer/Laptop, charger, network cables, and a power bar (CSA approved).**

- **Ear plugs** if you are a light sleeper.
- **Flip flops** for showers.
- **General room cleaning supplies:** spray, broom, disinfecting wipes, bathroom cleaner (suite style).
- **Government-issued photo ID.**
- **Seasonal outerwear and rain gear**, including waterproof shoes or boots and warm clothes for the winter.
- **Slippers and housecoats.**
- **Toiletries & toiletry bag:** toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap/body wash.
- **Laundry basket** (can be purchased when you arrive).
- **High-efficiency laundry detergent and laundry basket** (Note: regular laundry detergent clogs the machines. Please bring detergent for high-efficiency machines).

Additionally, please take note of the list of items that are prohibited in our community environment. A Housing or Residence Life team member will address items prohibited in residence, which may result in confiscation.

### What not to pack:

- **Animals/pets** (Fish in a small fishbowl are permitted).
- **Bongs.**
- **Brewing/distilling equipment or apparatus**, home grow kits, or cannabis plants.
- **Candles, lanterns, incense, candle warmers**, and other flammable or combustible materials or sources of open flame.
- **Cannabis or alcohol** of any kind for residents under 19 years old; large quantities of alcohol (refer to Alcohol in Residence section for quantity limits).
- **Devices that amplify noise**, including but not limited to large speakers, guitar or bass amps, sub-woofers or DJ equipment
- **Drinking game paraphernalia**, including but not limited to beer pong tables, funnels, and other speed-drinking devices.
- **Electric heaters** or any radiant heaters.
- **Explosive devices**, propane canisters, gel burners, flammable liquids, fireworks, or other hazardous substances.
- **Hooks or nails** (residents may only use 'paint-friendly' adhesives, e.g., sticky tack).
- **Glassware** (Beer bottles, bongs, and other fragile containers that could break easily).
- **Halogen light bulbs** (known for producing high heat, which can lead to fires).
- **Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia** (including ashtrays).
- **Items with an open heating element** (Examples: hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, electric frying pans, deep fryers, grills, etc. Air fryers are acceptable if used in the kitchen space and not in your room).
- **LED strip lights** with factory self-adhesive (they take the paint off); if you use approved adhesive hangers, they are acceptable.
- **Non-university furniture** (Due to pest control and prevention of bed bugs, fleas, and lice).

- **Older electric extension bars/cords** that do not have surge protectors.
- **Weapons** (including but not limited to firearms, BB guns, air pistols/rifles, pellet guns, paint guns, ammunition, hunting/exotic knives, multi-tools, Swiss army knives, swords, archery equipment, target pistols, machetes, etc.), replica weapons, or toy weapons.

**Residence Life staff and Security reserve the right to immediately remove any items deemed unsafe or dangerous.**

## Residence Contract

By accepting your room assignment, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the residence contract.

The Residence Contract is **your lease agreement to live in a university residence on campus**. The contract is an agreement between the landlord (University Housing) and the tenant (you). The Residence Contract outlines each party's expectations, limitations, and responsibilities.

We strongly encourage you to review your Residence Contract in detail after arriving. There is much information to absorb, so you should remind yourself of the expectations and what you are accountable for while living in residence.



Please scan the QR to find a copy of your Residence Contract.

*NOTE: "Damages, theft and loss in a common area which cannot be identified as the responsibility of specific individuals will be the responsibility of the residents living in the residence section, house, staircase, or floor in which the damage, theft and loss occurred. The cost for repairing damage to common areas or replacing University property stolen or lost from common areas will be prorated among Residents living in the residence section, house, staircase, or floor where the damage, theft and loss occurred."*

If you notice any damage, please report it to a CA or RLC.

## Liability Insurance for Residents (Tenants Insurance)

St. Francis Xavier University is pleased to offer property and liability insurance for students. This insurance will be included in your residence fees, covering your personal belongings and protecting you against loss or damage you may be liable for. For students who maintain their insurance throughout their residency, the coverage provided by this program is primary, and any personal policy will sit in excess.

## Coverage

The following insurance coverages are provided while living in residence:

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| <b>\$10,000</b><br><b>Contents Coverage</b><br>Each student will be provided with coverage to protect your personal belongings up to \$10,000 — subject to a \$500 deductible. The policy provides coverage for all risks of loss or damage subject to exclusions. <sup>1</sup> Claims will be settled on a “replacement cost” basis (without deduction for depreciation). | <b>\$1,000,000</b><br><b>Personal Liability Coverage</b><br>If a student is found to be responsible for causing accidental damage to university property or another student’s property (for example, if a student accidentally started a fire in their room) or accidental bodily injury to another person, the policy will respond up to \$1,000,000 to pay legal expenses and compensatory damages for which they are found to be legally liable. | <b>\$2,500</b><br><b>Additional Living Expenses</b><br>If as a consequence of an insured loss the student’s residence is unfit for occupancy, the policy will pay the increased expenses (up to \$2,500) incurred by the student to obtain temporary housing. <sup>2</sup> For example, if a student moves to a hotel for a few days while their room is being repaired, hotel costs including meals would be covered. |
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Under this program, the university purchases a master policy that provides insurance coverage for all students living in residence. Students will receive a Certificate of Insurance in their name outlining the coverages provided by the policy. They will be provided with a website address to access the policy wording. Certificates will be issued to students within 60 days of the start of the semester when the student first joins a Residence.

If students move to a different StFX residence, this insurance will be transferred accordingly. The necessary updates to the insurer will be handled through Residence Services via regular reporting. However, if students decide to leave StFX Residence for any reason, this insurance coverage will immediately stop and will not continue with them. Upon leaving university residence, students will be responsible for obtaining their insurance policy. Please note that no confirmation documentation will be provided to students to confirm the termination of insurance coverage. Always lock your door when you leave your room to ensure that your valuable items and clothing are secured safely.

## Residence Room Right of Entry

Section 10 of the Residence Contract acknowledges that University staff may enter a student's room throughout the academic year to conduct repairs and maintenance, or when there are concerns related to the health, safety, or well-being of residents. The University may also enter a room when there is reasonable suspicion of activity that violates the Residence Standards, the Code of Conduct, the Residence Contract, or any other University policy.

- Housing staff will access residence rooms during scheduled room inspections, including those conducted during the December holiday break at the end of the first semester and at the conclusion of the academic year in April.
- Students will typically receive a minimum of 24 hours' notice prior to room entry for inspections, maintenance, or other non-emergency purposes.

- Advance notice is not required when entry is necessary due to an emergency or where there are immediate concerns regarding health, safety, security, or potential violations of university policies.

## Residence Amenities & Services

### Mail

All students living in residence are assigned a mailbox, which is located on the first floor of the Bloomfield Centre. Mail is delivered by Canada Post to the University daily. Please note that mailboxes are shared. If you are looking to have something mailed or shipped to you in residence, please use the address below:

#### STUDENT NAME

**5555 Union Place, StFX University  
Antigonish, NS  
B2G 2W5**

Are you looking to send mail? A mail drop is located at the post office counter on the first floor of the Bloomfield Centre. All mailing can be done at this station, which also sells stamps. Envelopes can be purchased at the bookstore across from the post office.

### Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are provided in each residence for your convenience. Each residence student is charged a flat fee of \$160.00 for laundry, which gives you unlimited access to the machines in your building, so there is no need to worry about laundry cards or spare change! A couple of tips...

- Use a high-efficiency (HE) detergent. It's more concentrated, so you use less.
- Don't overload these machines, as that may cause damage that prevents other students from using them. Please treat these facilities with respect.
- If you notice a machine is not functioning properly, let your residence life staff know or email Facilities Management at [fmservicedesk@stfx.ca](mailto:fmservicedesk@stfx.ca)
- Not sure how/where to do laundry? Connect with your residence life staff, and they'll show you.

### Shared Spaces: Social Lounges & Study Spaces in Residence

Every residence building has communal spaces that students are welcome to use anytime. The features vary depending on the building type.

#### *Respecting Your Common Spaces and Laundry Facilities*

Please respect our shared spaces and laundry facilities in the residence. These shared areas are essential for creating a comfortable and enjoyable living environment for all residents.

Helpful tips:

| Common Spaces Etiquette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Laundry Facility Etiquette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean up after using common areas like lounges, kitchens, and study areas.</li><li>• Wash dishes and utensils immediately after use and put them away in their proper places.</li><li>• Dispose trash and recyclables in the designated bins.</li><li>• Keep the areas tidy and organized for the next person to use.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the laundry facilities during non-peak hours to avoid long waiting times.</li><li>• Remove your laundry promptly after the cycle is complete to free up the machines for others.</li><li>• Fold or hang your laundry promptly to allow others to use the folding spaces.</li><li>• You are prohibited from removing others' clothing, and do not take items that are not yours.</li></ul> |

### Residence Storage

- Each residence building has a designated storage room available to residents during the academic year. These spaces may be used to store larger personal items, such as suitcases, hockey equipment, storage bins, and similar belongings.
- Students wishing to access the storage room independently may request storage room access to be added to their Student ID card for the residence building in which they reside. Requests should be submitted to Housing by email at [residence@stfx.ca](mailto:residence@stfx.ca).
- At the end of the academic year, all residence storage rooms must be completely vacated. Any items left behind after the designated move-out date may be discarded or donated.

### Summer Storage

- Students seeking to store items during the summer months must have an accepted Housing offer for the upcoming academic year. Items must be stored in the residence building associated with the student's confirmed housing assignment for the following year.
- The following conditions apply to summer storage:
- Students may store a maximum of four (4) items.
- Applicable summer storage fees will be charged directly to the student's account.
- Housing and Residence Life will distribute information regarding summer storage procedures, timelines, and fees prior to the end of the academic year.
- StFX assumes no responsibility or liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property stored in residence storage areas under any circumstances. Students are encouraged to ensure that valuable items are adequately insured through personal or family insurance policies.

## Overnight Parking

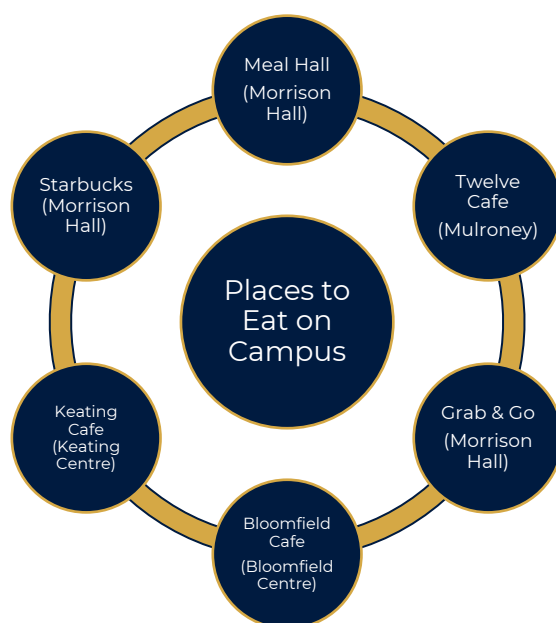
- Students living in residence must purchase an overnight permit for the year.
- Students with overnight permits do not need to purchase an additional daytime permit.
- Overnight parking permits do not authorize the holder to park in “University Authorized Vehicles Only” parking spaces around campus.



For more information on parking facilities and maps, please scan the QR code.

## Campus Food Services

At StFX Campus Food Services, we don't just settle for good food; we strive for greatness in every bite! Our expert chefs, who are certified and trained, craft mouth-watering meals that will tantalize your taste buds. Plus, with mobile ordering, you can satisfy your cravings with just a few finger taps! We source fresh produce from local vendors, ensuring you get the best quality and taste. And we don't stop there - we are constantly looking for the newest and most innovative ideas to bring to your plate! We are here to create your home away from home; please do not hesitate to contact us with any inquiries on how to get the most out of your dining experience on campus.



## Meal Plans

Get excited because we've meal plans and swipes for all types of appetites to ensure your nutrition needs are met, right up to foodie specialties. Whether you're an on or off-campus student, faculty, or staff member, we've got you covered with various

delicious options. And the best part? You can buy these packages multiple times throughout the semester, so you'll never have to go hungry!

| Residence                              | Meal Plan                            | Plus, Tax | No Tax  |
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| Bishops/Cameron/MacKinnon/MacIsaac/MSB | 350 Meals per Year + \$400 DCB       | -         | \$6,484 |
|                                        | 415 Meals per Year + \$400 DCB       | -         | \$6,633 |
|                                        | Unlimited Meals per Year + \$400 DCB | -         | \$7,055 |
| Riley                                  | 175 Meals per Year + \$600 DCB       | \$4,282   | -       |
| Governors/O'Regan                      | \$1,025 DCB                          | -         | \$1,000 |
| Somers / Power                         | \$1,025 DCB                          | -         | \$1,000 |

### Guest passes

Guest passes are additional meal swipes in your block meal plan for friends or family members at our campus dining hall, Morrison Hall! Personal meal swipes are nontransferable.

## Other Food Services

**Too Good To Go** - Too Good To Go is a service with a mobile app that connects customers with their local food service establishments that have surplus unsold food. The app allows customers to buy and collect surprise bags of food - at 1/3 of the original price - directly from the food service establishment. This amazing service is now available with Sodexo Campus Food at StFX at Bloomfield Cafe, Twelve Cafe and Keating Café.

**Enviromug** - To help reduce our carbon footprint we are committed to sustainable initiatives to help reduce waste. This program encourages customers to bring their own reusable mug for their beverages at all our locations to save 0.25 cents off your coffee or tea purchase when you bring your own reusable mug to Bloomfield Cafe, Twelve Cafe, Keating Cafe and 0.10 cents off from Starbucks.

### Registered Dietitian Services

At StFX, we believe healthy eating should be accessible and enjoyable for everyone. That's why our dining program offers mouth-watering meals and FREE access to our fantastic Dietitian services for all students. Whether you want to chat about tasty nutrition tips, navigate food allergies, get creative with dietary restrictions, manage chronic conditions, or achieve your weight goals, our Dietitian is here to help. Dietitian support is provided directly to the individual who requires it and cannot be arranged via a third party. Please fill out our online allergy form using the QR code if you need dietary support.



## Living with a Roommate

Adapting to life with roommates can be one of the best and most challenging aspects of living in residence!

Have you completed a Roommate agreement? Roommate agreements are forms designed to guide you and your roommate(s) through many topics that will likely arise as you live together and cause problems or tensions if you need to be on the same page. Taking the time to sit down and discuss things early on will prevent future problems before they start, help break the ice and set the tone for more accessible and productive communication and problem-solving going forward. **Refer to the 'eRez section' in the document for more details on how to access 'roommate agreement form'.**

### Create a roommate agreement within the first few weeks.

- University Housing considers lifestyle preferences when assigning roommates; however, we recommend completing a roommate agreement at the beginning of the academic year to help establish good lines of communication between yourself and your new roommate. Want help facilitating your roommate agreement? Connect with your CA, who is trained in facilitating conversations like this.
- In preparation for a roommate agreement, consider your preferred study patterns, sleeping habits, cleanliness, willingness to share any property or belongings, and expectations of your roommate regarding social etiquette or guests.
- Remember that you both have needs and expectations. Be open to their needs and compromise where you can. This is a two-way agreement.

### Please get to know your roommate & talk it out.

- Communicate expectations and boundaries by talking with them about what you each need and want. Knowing and respecting these things about one another is vital. Your CAs are great at helping with this kind of conversation.
- Grab a meal at Meal Hall or the Bloomfield Café together.
- Attend residence and campus programs.
- Please stay up to date on all the latest by connecting with your CA.
- Explore our beautiful campus and surrounding areas with each other.
- Discuss these subjects with your roommate to help manage concerns that may arise later:
  - Belongings
  - Security
  - Substances
  - Values
  - Sleep
  - Expectations
  - Understanding
  - Noise
  - Cleanliness
  - Guests
  - Communication
  - Study



- Safety
- Boundaries
- Conflict
- Agreement

Scan the QR code to follow us on social media and get more updates.

## Get Involved

The opportunities to get involved at StFX are endless. We have highlighted a few of these opportunities specific to residences below:

### Residence Council

Are you looking to develop yourself as a student leader and learn critical skills in event planning, time management, budgeting, marketing, and promotions? The Residence Council might be for you!

Every residence building has a Residence Council, which is selected at the beginning of each academic year. Residence Councils are students living in the building who take on different roles (e.g., Community Engagement Organizer, Intramurals rep, Charity rep, Finance rep, etc.).

The Residence Council is responsible for planning residence activities and getting the building involved in more significant campus-wide events such as Homecoming spirit competitions, charity events, hikes, coffee Residences, day trips to Halifax, town clean-ups, Dodgeball tournaments, Bloomfield Hub, etc.

Residence Councils are also a conduit for giving feedback on the residence, programming, facilities, and the overall experience.

**If you want to enhance your residence experience, gain valuable skillsets, and contribute to your peers' residence experience, look for Residence Council applications in early September and talk to your SCA.**

### Programming and Events

Social events and activities hosted by residence life staff majorly contribute to the residence life experience StFX is known for. Through these programs, residents are supported throughout their university transition and provided opportunities to form social connections with their peers, grow as individuals and a community, and develop critical skills and abilities. Events are happening all the time on campus and in your residence. Follow your residence on Instagram for important information on social programs and more. Visit the @stfxstudentlife Instagram page to know what is also happening across campus.

| Residence      | Official Instagram Handle |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Bishops Hall   | bishopshallstfx           |
| MacIsaac Hall  | macisaachallstfx          |
| Mackinnon Hall | mackinnonhallstfx         |
| Cameron Hall   | cameronhallstfx           |
| MSB            | msbstfx                   |

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| FX Hall        | fxhallstfx        |
| Riley Hall     | rileyhallstfx     |
| O'Regan Hall   | oregan.hallstfx   |
| Governors Hall | governorshallstfx |

## Residence Standards & University Policies

This section outlines the responsibilities and expectations of all students living in residence, as well as the processes that follow when a resident makes a mistake, whether intentional or unintentional.

We believe that residence is a place of learning and growth. Mistakes are a natural part of life and an important part of the learning process. What matters most is how you respond to those experiences -be being open to feedback, taking accountability for your actions, and reflecting on how you would approach a similar situation in the future. Through this process, you continue to grow and develop as a Xaverian and as a contributing member of your communities.

Student health and safety are our priority, and any resident needing medical support and assistance can contact Residence Staff to access services for themselves or others.

At StFX, students who choose to live in residence must adhere to Canadian law, the StFX Community Code of Conduct and the Community Standards as outlined in this document. Serious incidents or repeated offences may be referred from your building Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) to the Manager of Restorative Practices and Student Conduct for review and possible investigation.

It is important that you review which policies apply to you while you live in Residence and for the duration of your time as a student at StFX.

The following StFX policies apply to all students living in residence or off campus:

- StFX Community Code of Conduct
- Smoke-free Places Act
- Alcohol Policy
- Hazing Policy
- StFX Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- Harassment and Discrimination Policy
- Sexual Violence Response Policy



All policies can be found on the StFX website under University Policies and Procedures (see the QR code to the right).

The Residence Guidebook and Community Standards apply to students living in residence and serve as the guiding policy that you and your RLC will use when addressing incidents or concerns.

The Community Standards are intended to guide behaviour within residence, however the examples provided below are not exhaustive. Residents are expected to uphold the spirit and intent of those standards, even in situations not specifically outlined.

Illegal activity or behaviour that requires involvement from the RCMP may also result in action under the StFX Community Code of Conduct, including the possibility of suspension from residence and/or the University.

If you witness a violation of the Residence Community Standards or the StFX Community Code of Conduct, we encourage you to be an active bystander by reporting the incident. You can contact Security at [security@stfx.ca](mailto:security@stfx.ca), call 902-867-4444, or notify any university staff member.

| Standard                                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Breach of the Residence Contract</b>  | Accepting your residence building and room assignment, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in your <a href="#">Housing Contract</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Cleanliness &amp; Garbage Removal</b> | <p>Students are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their assigned room and any shared spaces they use, including lounges, kitchens, washrooms, and hallways. Shared spaces must be left clean and ready for the next person to use.</p> <p>Residents are expected to keep their rooms in a sanitary condition by regularly cleaning, disposing of waste, removing spoiled food from refrigerators, and preventing accumulation of clutter. In shared kitchens, dishes, cookware, and utensils must be washed and removed promptly after use. Leaving personal items or unclean dishes in common spaces is not permitted.</p> <p>Garbage, recycling, and compost must be disposed of in designated receptacles provided within each residence building. Leaving garbage in hallways, outside your door or in common areas is not permitted.</p> |
| <b>Damage &amp; Vandalism</b>            | <p>Damage or vandalism can include but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Misappropriation, destruction, or damage of university property or resources.</li> <li>2. Misappropriation, destruction, or damage of others' property in Residence (in residence rooms, bathrooms, lounges); or</li> <li>3. Defacement or "graffiti" of any university facility, fixtures, building, or property, including walls indoors or outdoors, bathroom stalls, walkways, etc.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                                          | <p>Examples of damages in Residence may include holes in the walls, removing parts of windows or screens, putting holes in the wall to hang items in a residence room (like curtains, or frames), or writing on any university facility wall or fixture.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Disrespectful, Bullying, or Intimidating Behavior</b> | <p>All students have the right to live, study, and participate in residence within a community that is free from bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination. These expectations apply to all forms of communication and conduct whether in person, online, through social media, direct messages, group chats, anonymous platforms, or any other electronic means. Both direct and indirect behaviour that undermines the dignity, safety, or well-being of others is prohibited.</p> <p>Students are expected to treat all members of the StFX community with respect, including University staff, student staff, and fellow residents. Name-calling, physical threats or threats of any kind, derogatory language, slurs or other disrespectful behaviour is not acceptable.</p> <p>Concerns regarding bullying, harassment, intimidation, or discrimination may be addressed through the residence conduct process, and/or the University's Harassment &amp; Discrimination policy. Residence Life may consult with the Director of Human Rights &amp; Equity to determine whether a matter requires a formal investigation or referral under another university policy.</p> |
| <b>Fire Safety</b>                                       | <p>Fire safety is regulated at the provincial level, and violations of fire safety standards may result in fines.</p> <p>Activities causing or creating an open flame in the Residence, fireworks, or exposed heating elements are prohibited. Tampering with any fire safety equipment may result in fines, including triggering a fire extinguisher, damaging exit signs, hindering safe passage in the hallways and stairwells, failing to evacuate during a fire alarm or drill, and turning off a smoke detector.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Guest Policy</b>                                     | <p>Residents may host up to two guests at a time. These guests must be signed in through <a href="#">eRezlife</a>.</p> <p>The resident hosting any guests, whether staying for a short time or overnight, is responsible for their guest's behaviour during their stay. We recommend that you always stay with your stay guest during their visit.</p> <p>No guests or limited guests will be in Residence on high-impact event dates such as Homecoming, St. Patrick's Day, and Welcome Week.</p> <p>For more information, please see the guest policy on page 29.</p>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Harmful Language</b>                                 | <p>The goal of the university is to eliminate harmful language, including racist, violent, and biased (e.g., disability bias, ethnic bias, ethnic slurs, gender bias, implicit bias, and sexual bias) language on campus.</p> <p>Please be aware of the music you play while in your Residence room may contain derogatory slang and harmful language and be conscious of the words you use in your room, as others can hear. This language is not appropriate for shared living spaces like residence. Please use earbuds and maybe don't sing in the shower!</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Hazing</b>                                           | <p>The StFX Hazing Policy can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Incidents of hazing are subject to review by the Student Life Office and generally be addressed through the processes in the StFX Community Code of Conduct.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Misuse of Alcohol &amp; Other substances</b>         | <p>Misuse includes underage drinking, excessive consumption requiring campus resources to respond, public drinking (e.g. outside on campus grounds), and drinking games</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Misuse of Residence Space, &amp; or Access Cards</b> | <p>Not only is it trespassing, if you are found in Residence space that is not assigned to you and damages take place, you may be found responsible for the costs of any damages and/or additional cleaning. Please be aware of the following expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only possess or use an access card of your own.</li> <li>• Respect your roommates and other residents' privacy by not entering their rooms or disturbing their property.</li> <li>• Always remember to lock your room when you are not inside.</li> <li>• Tampering with locks on doors or windows to gain or provide access, including propping doors open is not permitted.</li> </ul> |

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|                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refrain from entering prohibited spaces such as electrical rooms, custodial rooms, rooftops, and other administrative areas.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Moving University Furniture</b>               | All university furniture, including lounge and room furniture, can <b>only</b> be moved, or removed with authorization from a University Housing and Residence Life representative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Noise</b>                                     | <p>Residents must maintain reasonable noise levels to minimize disturbances to others. Noise (including music) <b>should not be loud enough to interrupt a normal conversation</b>. Speakers are not permitted in hallways or bathrooms. During quiet hours, sound should not exceed a level that penetrates the walls, floors, ceilings, or doorways into another room in residence.</p> <p>Speakers larger than a bottle of water are not permitted in Residence at any time.</p> <p>Quiet hours are from:<br/> <b>11:00 pm to 8:00 am Sunday through Thursday</b><br/> and from<br/> <b>1:00 am to 8:00 am Friday through Saturday</b></p> |
| <b>Non-cooperation with University Officials</b> | StFX staff, including student staff are trained to support students, maintain community standards, and respond to concerns within residence. Students are expected to comply with reasonable directions provided by staff. Refusing to follow staff direction, requiring repeated requests before complying, arguing with staff, or attempting to negotiate expectations or consequences may result in additional conduct action.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Offensive Material</b>                        | All students must respect the rights of others by refraining from having or posting offensive material or derogatory signs that could reasonably be considered offensive, such as derogatory slang, profanity, nudity, etc. Any posters in residence must be approved by the building's RLC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Pranks &amp; Boisterous Behavior</b>          | Boisterous behaviour is disruptive and has the potential to harm others or property. Physical activities (sports or outdoor games) that typically happen outside are prohibited indoors in Residence. Pranks have the potential to harm students and staff members and can cause damage and additional cleaning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Prohibited Items</b>                          | Students should not possess or use prohibited items in residence. Please do not bring these items to Residence upon move-in or throughout the Academic year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Smoking &amp; Vaping</b>                           | Smoking or vaping tobacco or cannabis products inside the residence is strictly prohibited by law. Please note that smoking or vaping can result in a fine on the first offence, and removal from residence for subsequent incidents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Soliciting, Advertising, or unapproved signage</b> | Soliciting, whether for-profit or not, is only allowed in the residence if it has been approved by University Housing and Residence Life. Examples of soliciting would include but are not limited to, the sale of goods and services within the residence. The RLC or Manager of Residence must approve any signage or posters; unapproved posters/ads will be removed.                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Theft</b>                                          | This is defined as possessing or using university property or another person's property without appropriate consent or authority. Theft is outlined in more detail in the <a href="#">StFX Community Code of Conduct</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Unsafe Gatherings</b>                              | Residents are prohibited from hosting, participating in, or advertising an organized, spontaneous, disruptive or unsafe gathering in their residence. A gathering is deemed unsafe when all the following are true: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More than 8 people are in a residence room, more than 16 in a lounge, or the space is overcrowded.</li> <li>2. Alcohol is present.</li> <li>3. Noise levels are excessive (can be heard more than two doors down)</li> </ol> |
| <b>Unwanted Scents</b>                                | All students have the right to live in a comfortable and safe environment. Students must reduce their impact on others by maintaining cleanliness and refraining from using products or items with strong scents. Please see <a href="https://www.stfx.ca/occupational-health-and-safety/scent-awareness/scent-awareness-faqs">https://www.stfx.ca/occupational-health-and-safety/scent-awareness/scent-awareness-faqs</a> .                                                               |

## eRezLife(eRez)

eRezLife (eRez) is the online platform used by Residence Life at StFX. It's your go-to tool for managing important residence-related tasks quickly and easily.

Through eRez, residents can:

- Sign in guests and manage guest registrations
- Complete the Roommate Agreement Form to set expectations with your roommate
- Submit Residence Room Inspection Forms when required
- Access important forms and requests related to residence living



Scan the QR code to access eRez and get started. If you need help accessing or completing any forms, reach out to your CA or RLC.

## While @ X, Know Your Guest

Residence security is everyone's responsibility. Residents are given the privilege of having guests in residence, except during specific periods when a no-guest policy may be in place. With this privilege comes the responsibility of ensuring your guests respect the community and residence policies.

**Log in to [eRezLife](#) to sign in to your guest throughout the year and for more information relating to hosting a guest in residence.**

### Who Can Host

- A host is any student with a residence contract for that building.
- Students may only host guests in their assigned residence building.

### Host Responsibilities

- Hosts are responsible for their guest(s) and their behaviour at all times.
- Hosts must remain with their guest while they are in residence.
- Hosts are responsible for anyone they allow into the building.

### Guest Limits

- Students may host a maximum of two (2) guests at one time.
- Overnight guests are permitted for:
  - up to three (3) consecutive nights
  - a maximum of ten (10) nights per month
- An overnight guest is defined as a guest signed in after quiet hours.
- Hosts should get agreement from their roommate before having overnight guests.

### Building Access & Safety

- Anyone entering a residence building in which they do not live without being signed in is considered trespassing.
- Allowing others to enter behind you ("tailgating" or "piggybacking") or opening doors to provide access is strictly prohibited.
- Letting unknown individuals into the building puts the community at risk, including theft, assault, and property damage.

### Identification Requirements

- Guests must be prepared to show government-issued or student identification to university staff at any time during their stay.
- Refusing to show ID or providing false identification may result in removal from university property.

### Additional Restrictions

- Guests under 16 years of age are not permitted in residence after 9:00 p.m.
- Residence Life staff and Safety & Security Officers may revoke guest or host privileges at any time.
- Residence Life may temporarily restrict or suspend guest privileges during certain times of the academic year. Notice will be provided whenever possible.

**Please note that guest privileges will be restricted during the following periods:**

1. Welcome Week—No guests may be signed in during the first week on campus. Those supporting students during move in day are welcome in Residence to help residents move into their room. Supporters of student are asked to leave once finished helping student move in.
2. During high-impact events such as Homecoming, St. Patrick's Day, Last Class Bash, etc. guests are prohibited within residences. Residence Life may apply a no guest policy at their discretion and communicate the same with the residents.
3. Peak Academic Periods—Non-StFX and overnight guests are prohibited. Hosts are limited to two (2) guests to study between the hours of 8:00 AM -11:00 PM
4. Students must carry their IDs and Bracelets provided by residence life staff during the high impact days.

## Alcohol in Residence

The legal drinking age in the province of Nova Scotia is 19. We promote Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health and discourage high-risk activities related to alcohol. These guidelines reinforce laws regarding alcohol consumption and ultimately ensure the safety of our students and their guests.

### Our Approach

StFX recognizes that students have diverse experiences, identities, and relationships with substances. Some students choose to consume alcohol and/or cannabis, while others do not. Our approach is grounded in harm reduction and trauma-informed principles, prioritizing safety, informed choice, respect, and wellbeing.

We aim to:

- Support students in making informed decisions.
- Reduce potential harms associated with substance use.
- Foster a respectful, inclusive, and non-judgmental community.
- Encourage seeking help without fear of punishment.

### Responsibilities:

- **Individual Responsibility:** Responsible alcohol consumption is an individual responsibility. Students should know and follow University and residence policies, as well as local and provincial laws about alcohol.
- **Behavioral Expectations:** We are all responsible for our actions, including when under the influence of alcohol which is known to lower inhibitions and impair judgement. Alcohol isn't an excuse for harmful behavior. Actions that violate community standards can lead to appropriate outcomes.

### Standards:

- **Age Restrictions:** Buying or giving alcohol to anyone under 19 is illegal. Selling alcohol to anyone, regardless of age, is also against the law and violates university policies.
- **Container Limits:** Reducing harm in the StFX community, large quantities of alcohol are restricted including:
  - Kegs and mini kegs

- Any container holding more than 500ml of beer, 1L of wine, or 40 oz (1183 ml) of alcohol
- **Containers must support safety and informed choice:**
  - Containers carrying liquid must have a spill-proof lid that when tilted 90 degrees does not spill for any transport outside of the residence room.
  - Containers should not be transparent to reduce pressure and support privacy.
  - Containers prone to cracking or breaking from hip-height drops are prohibited for safety reasons. This includes, but is not limited to, glass bottles, ceramic, and porcelain cups.
- **Intoxication:** Residence Life encourages students to seek help if someone is too intoxicated. Emergency medical assistance will be called if needed, as health and safety are the top priorities.
- **Stockpiling:** Stockpiling refers to accumulating large quantities of alcohol in residence rooms. This practice is not permitted as it can lead to unsafe drinking behaviors and potential health risks.
- **Trophies:** Displaying any quantity of full, partially full, or empty alcohol containers in windows or elsewhere is not allowed. Empty alcohol containers must be placed in the appropriate recycling container and may not be stored in residence rooms.
- **Delivery to Campus:** Alcohol and cannabis delivery to residence, including the apartments is strictly prohibited.
- **Open Alcohol**
  - Refers to any alcohol that is not in a factory-sealed container.
  - To maintain safety and cleanliness, open alcohol is prohibited in hallways, stairwells, elevators, moving room-to-room, or shared spaces.
- **Shared Spaces**
  - Shared spaces are for connection and community.
  - University staff will dispose of any alcohol found unattended in shared spaces.
  - Alcohol is prohibited from being stored in shared fridges.
  - Respect different comfort levels with substance use and substance-free participation must always be supported.
- **Risky alcohol-centred behaviour:**
  - Students are not permitted to participate in, promote or be a spectator of drinking games or large quantity consumption activities within the residence community.
  - Drinking games is defined as drinking alcohol in large quantities and quick consumption such as chugging or shots:
    - Some examples are: “beer-pong,” “water-pong,” “funnelling,” “shot-gunning,” “quarters,” and “floor crawls”.
  - Residence staff are required to intervene when there is an activity that is potentially a drinking game or other unsafe alcohol related activity, whether listed above or not. Residents are expected to cease the

activities when directed by residence staff, whether they agree with the request or not.

- **The following are prohibited in residence:**
  - Kegs (of any size), mini-kegs, and/or “Texas Miceys” including spouts and taps, funnels and/or other speed-drinking devices,
  - brewing or distilling equipment and apparatus, pong tables,
  - Bubbas, growlers and BORGs,
  - Wine and/or cooler boxes or bags, punch bowls, buckets.

### Examples of a Standard Drink



Sources and Additional Resources: [ccsa.ca](https://ccsa.ca), [knowalcohol.ca](https://knowalcohol.ca) and [shealab.ca](https://shealab.ca)

## Storing Cannabis in Residence

If you choose to use cannabis, storing it safely helps reduce risks and supports a respectful shared living space. Proper storage protects your wellbeing and the comfort of those around you, including roommates who may have different preferences or sensitivities.

Students are encouraged to make informed choices, reduce potential harms, and be mindful of how cannabis use may impact others in the community.

- Cannabis must be stored in an airtight container, such as a mason jar, and properly labeled no matter what form it's in for safety and cleanliness.
- Containers cannot be stored in common spaces and must be sealed to ensure that any smell is undetectable outside the residence room or in a shared room by roommates.

- Cannabis that is in an edible form, whether as a gummy, candy, oil or spray format, should be labeled and kept separate from other foods and food spaces in rooms to avoid cross contamination and for safety.
- Bongs are not permitted in residence, as they are associated with rapid consumption and higher risk of harm. This supports a safer community approach to substance use.

## Smoking on Campus

- What counts as smoking: Nova Scotia law includes vaping, e-cigarettes, and any combustible smoking method (cigarettes, pipes, etc) in the Smoke Free Places Act. This includes all parts of the device, like e-liquid, cartridges, and other components.
- No smoking indoors: Smoking and vaping are not allowed inside any campus building. This can result in a fine.
- If you choose to smoke or vape outdoors, you must be at a 4 metres distance from any building, as defined in the Nova Scotia Smoke-Free Places Act.
- Evidence of smoking: If there are ashes, the smell of smoke, visible smoke, or cigarette butts in Residence, it is considered proof of smoking or vaping and a violation of the Residence Contract.

## Illegal Substances

In line with provincial and federal laws, illegal drugs and substances are strictly prohibited in residence and across the StFX campus. This includes any paraphernalia related to the use, consumption, or production of these substances. We will work with law enforcement when there is evidence of illegal substances or activity in the community.

## Gatherings in Residence

Living in residence is a great way to connect with others and build community. It's also your home, and everyone deserves to feel safe, comfortable, and respected.

### Creating a Safer Space

When hosting or attending a gathering:

- Be mindful of noise and how it affects others around you.
- The focus should be on connection and socializing, and not substances in the space.
- Respect that not everyone chooses to consume alcohol.
- Support friends in making their own choices.

You always have the right to:

- Choose not to drink.
- Set your own limits.

Leave a situation at any time.

### What Makes a Gathering Unsafe?

A gathering may be considered unsafe or disruptive when all of the following apply: These situations can increase risks such as injury, property damage, or others feeling unsafe in their home.

- More than 8 people are in a residence room, more than 16 in a lounge, or the space is overcrowded.
- Alcohol is present.
- Noise levels are excessive (can be heard more than two doors down)

### When Staff May Step In

Community Advisors (CAs) may step in if a situation becomes unsafe or disruptive. Their role is to support safety, build up the community and reduce harm. They may ask you to:

- Lower noise levels or shift activities.
- Reduce the number of people in the space.
- End the gathering if needed.

### Shared Spaces

Each residence includes both substance-free spaces and social spaces where alcohol may be present. This ensures all students can choose environments where they feel safe and comfortable.

Alcohol is only allowed in designated social spaces and must follow container guidelines. Substance-free spaces must always be respected.

See the list below and connect with your Community Advisor (CA) if you have

| Building       | Substance Free Spaces                             | Social Spaces                                                         |
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| Bishops Hall   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lounges                     |
| Cameron Hall   | Study Lounges                                     | Basement Lounges                                                      |
| FX Hall        | Kitchen                                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge                                          |
| Governors Hall | Hallway lounges                                   | Lounges attached to Kitchens                                          |
| MacIsaac Hall  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounges | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounges |
| MacKinnon Hall | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Study Lounge                | Basement Lounges                                                      |
| MSB            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge                      | Corner Lounges                                                        |
| O'Regan Hall   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge                      | Movie Room, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge                              |
| Riley Hall     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge                      | Movie Room, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge                              |

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## Fire Safety

StFX conducts regular evacuation drills, especially at the beginning of the term, to ensure that residents and staff know what to do during a fire.

When you hear the alarm, exit the building by the nearest exit and go to the Muster point for your building.

**Fire safety equipment and measures are critical life-saving tools, and we take them very seriously. Provincial regulations require the University to have these measures for your safety. Tampering with equipment or causing an unsafe situation are violations that include fines in the outcome(s).**

| Violations                                                                                            | Fine Amount                                                                    |
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| Use of prohibited items containing an open-element or candles                                         | Up to \$100                                                                    |
| Disabling or covering a smoke detector                                                                | \$400 fine                                                                     |
| Setting off, disabling, or removing a fire extinguisher or fire hose (unless for a legitimate reason) | \$90 (extinguisher recharge and service fee), plus, a \$300 fine               |
| Tampering with or setting off a false alarm (unless for a legitimate reason)                          | Automatic Referral to the Code<br>\$500 fine                                   |
| Possessing or igniting pyrotechnics, fireworks, or any explosives                                     | Automatic Referral to the Code<br>\$500 fine<br>Possible University Suspension |
| Failing to evacuate during an alarm                                                                   | \$250 fine                                                                     |
| Tampering with or damaging a fire exit sign                                                           | \$330 fine                                                                     |

### What to do when the Fire Alarm Sounds

1. Stop what you are doing. If it is safe, leave your room and firmly close the door.
2. Leave the residence building immediately, calmly taking the safest and nearest exit. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the building exits as soon as possible after move-in.
3. Do not take elevators. If you require an elevator to travel between floors, you should notify your Community Advisor/Security as soon as possible so a plan can be implemented.
4. Move from the building to your residence's designated muster point. Your Community Advisor will go over this in your first-floor meeting or scan the QR code:
5. Follow instructions from Residence Life Staff, StFX Safety & Security Services, and any emergency response team member.
6. Do not enter the building until a StFX staff member has given directive to do so.



We recognize that accidental activations of the fire alarm can occur. Regardless of cause, every alarm activation must be treated as a potential emergency. Residents are expected to follow all fire safety procedures and evacuation requirements each time an alarm sound. Failure to comply with evacuation procedures or other fire safety expectations may result in conduct process and outcomes.

## Incident Resolution

When a community standard is violated, the incident will be assessed based on the nature of the behaviour, the level of harm caused, and its impact on individuals and the residence community.

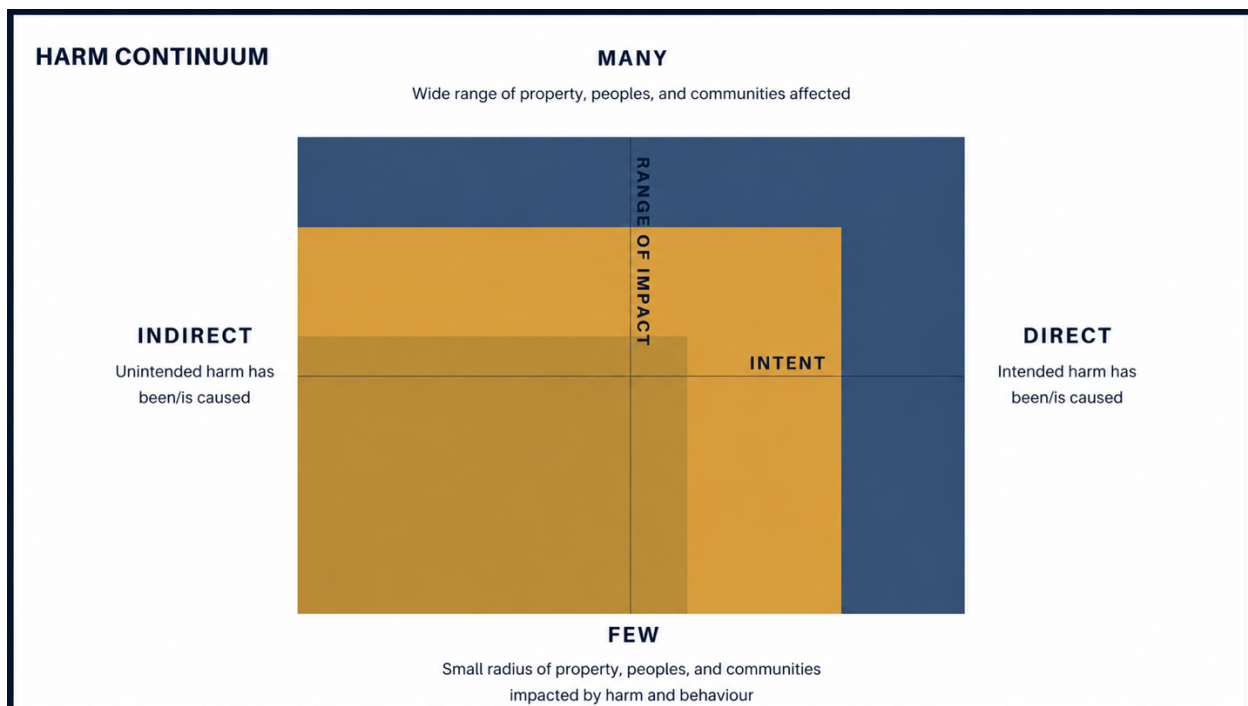
As part of the conduct process, the RLC will meet with the student(s) involved to gather information and understand their perspective. Students are expected to participate honestly and respectfully in this process.

Whenever possible, incidents are resolved through a restorative approach that focuses on accountability, repairing harm, and preventing future occurrences. The RLC will work with the students to identify appropriate outcomes and action(s) to address the behaviour. Where an agreement cannot be reached, or where the incident warrants it, the RLC has the authority to determine and assign outcomes. Failure to engage in the conduct process may also result in outcomes being assigned without the student's input.

## Let's Talk about Harm

### The Harm Continuum

The Harm Continuum is a tool for assessing the level of harm or potential harm from behaviour, and the extent to which there was an intention to cause damage or awareness that the behaviour could cause damage.



## Immediate Measures

During the academic year, an on-call RLC is available for urgent support and will respond to residence emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Security and/or Residence staff may, without delay, impose immediate measures to prevent escalation and to ensure the well-being of any resident(s) who have been harmed. Immediate measures can be expressed in writing or verbally and are temporary and can be made permanent, be modified, or removed once the incident is reviewed and resolved under the applicable policy.

## Residence Standards Resolution & Outcomes

### Educational Outcomes

Designed to engage the resident in learning from their mistakes and to understand the impact of their behaviour on others in the community.

Educational outcomes could include:

- Self-Assessment Alcohol Use Survey & Reflection
- Self-Assessment Cannabis Use Survey & Reflection
- Community Impact Assignment
- Decision-Making Reflection
- Letter to Future Self
- Volunteer work
- Outcomes assigned by RLC

### Restorative Resolution

- Apology – A written or verbal statement of responsibility, acknowledgement of harm and commitment to do better.
- Restitution – May be assigned to cover the cost of damaged property or belongings as a result of one's actions.
- Community Service – Students may be assigned up to 24 hours of community service with a university department or community partner. This outcome is typically assigned with a reflection essay.

### Formal Outcomes

- Removal of Guest Privileges – Removal of guest privileges is for a period of time due to failing to adhere to the residence guest policy.
- Premise Ban – A student may be banned from any given residence floor, or residence building.
- Loss of Student Privileges – Students become ineligible to attend specific residence-based programming or events.
- Alcohol/Substance Probation – May be assigned to students found responsible for the misuse of alcohol or other substances. Students placed on probation agree not to possess or consume alcohol or other substances on University Premises nor return to University Premises under the influence for a specified period.
- Fire safety fine – The student is given a period of time to pay the fine in cash, after which the fine will be applied to the student's account.
- Behavioral Bond – A behavioural bond is a temporary financial consequence assigned when a student is found responsible for a

residence violation. The bond is held for a set period of time. If the student does not have any further violations during that period, the bond is removed. If the student is found responsible for another violation, the bond amount is applied to their student account. If the student has not been found responsible for further violations at the end of that time, the bond is removed. The bond amount will be applied to the student's account if the student is found responsible for further violations.

### **Stfx Community Code Of Conduct**

Some incidents that occur in residence may violate both the Residence Guidebook and Community Standards, and the StFX Community Code of Conduct. Where there is a pattern of repeated behaviour, or a serious breach of community expectations, the incident may be escalated beyond the residence conduct process. In such incidents, referral to the Manager, Restorative Practices and Student Conduct may take place and addressed under the StFX Community Code of Conduct.

#### **What Next?**

If your report is referred to the Code for review, reflect on the incident, be honest. Your RLC can help you understand the next steps. Consider seeking the services of a student advocate hired by the student's union- you can book a meeting online [here](#).

## Incident Resolution Process

An incident occurs when a student(s) engages in behaviour that contradicts the expectations in these Residence Standards or causes harm to another person, place or self



**Note: Failing to attend a scheduled meeting with an RLC could result in a finding and decision made in the student's absence. The RLC will attempt a maximum of two meeting invitations before making a determination on the issue in the student's absence.**

## Residence Standards Appeal Process



**Students have the right to request an appeal of a decision on the finding or an outcome if they can demonstrate one of the following grounds:**

1. There is a perception of prejudice or bias, or an unfair application of outcomes on the part of the adjudicative body.
2. Procedural fairness was breached in a manner that impacted the outcome or the process; or,
3. There were significant mitigating circumstances or information at the time of the incident, that were not known or not reasonably practical for the appellant to have made known to the adjudicator.

The Manager, Residences (or designate) and a University Appeals Committee student member will review appeal requests. **They may do one of the following:**

- Dismiss appeal based on lack of grounds or evidence.
- Accept the appeal but keep the original decision &/or outcome.
- Accept the appeal and change the finding and outcome.

We encourage students to take their time drafting their appeals and seek advice from student advocates to ensure they have met at least one of the grounds for appeal.

A decision on the appeal will be sent to the student within seven (7) days of receiving the appeal request. The Manager, Residences, and a member of the Student Appeals Committee may request further information from the student or RLC before deciding. Once a decision on the appeal is made, it is final. There is no further appeal option.

If students have questions or would like support throughout the appeals process, they are encouraged to contact the Student Advocate Office, 419 in the Bloomfield Centre, Office hours are posted on the website: <https://theu.ca/advocates>. These student representatives are trained on university policies and can help students navigate the process.

## Move Out

What's that saying? All good things must come to an end. It's unfortunately true that as exams wrap up in both December and April, we start to say goodbye to students for winter break and summer break. **Before making any travel arrangements, please check your exam schedules, as students must vacate their residence room within 24 hours of their last in-person exam.** Each year, the Office of the Registrar publishes a calendar of events where exact dates and exam schedules will be posted. For the most up-to-date calendar of events, please scan the QR code:



### December Winter Break

Residence is closed after the last exam time in December until the day before classes in January. You are required to vacate your residence, but you can leave your belongings in the room. Should you wish to stay on campus over the winter closure, you can contact Housing at [residence@stfx.ca](mailto:residence@stfx.ca) to book your stay at your expense. **The December exam schedule will be posted on September 25th, 2026.**

### April Check Out

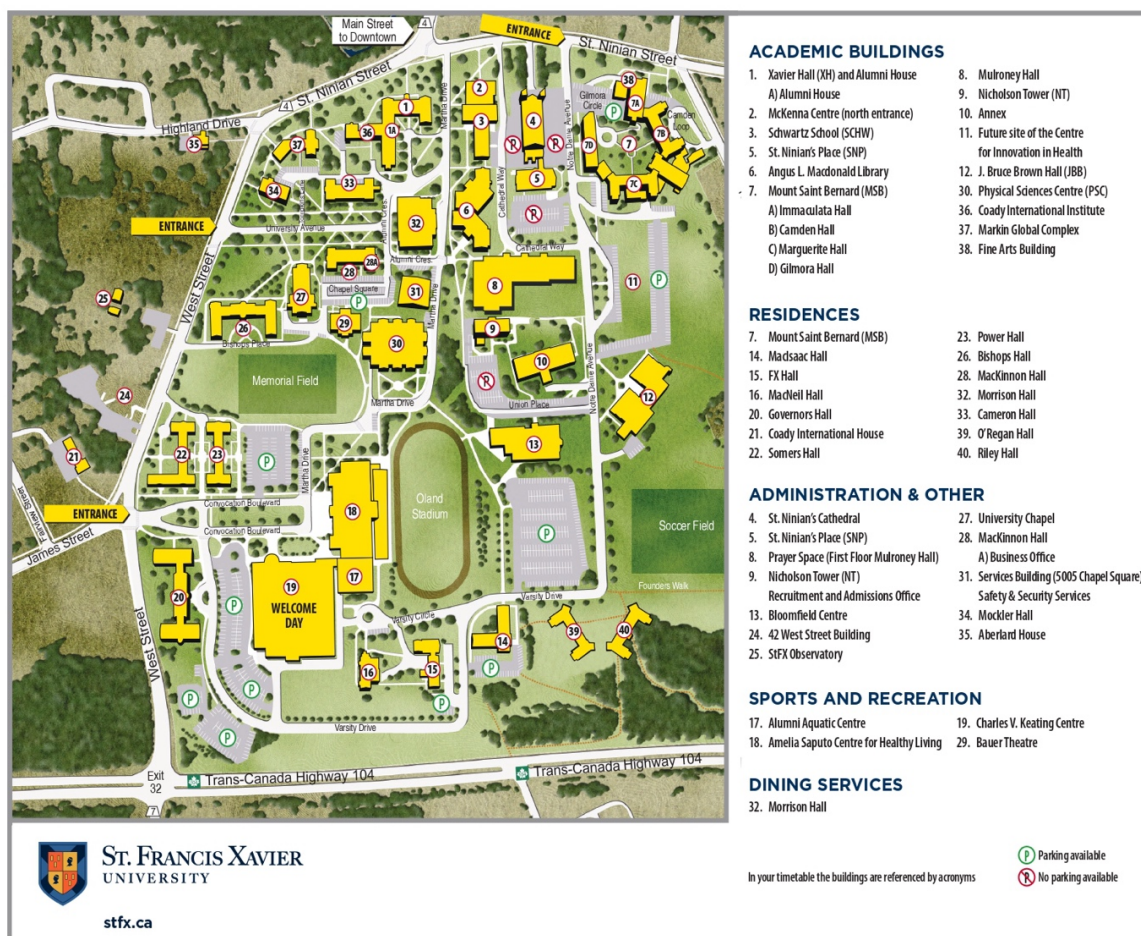
You must vacate your residence room within 24 hours after your last in-person exam. You must leave the residence room in the same condition as it was upon your move-in. Before departing, you must meet with your CA to inspect the room and fill out the checkout form that notes the room's condition. Any damage or excessive cleaning needed for your room will be charged to your student account in May. – **The April exam schedule will be posted on Friday, January 29th, 2027.**

## Your Residence Addresses

Note: Civic Address is needed when calling 911. Postal code: B2G 2W5

| Residence Building  | Civic Address          |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bishops Hall        | 5101 Bishops Place     |
| Cameron Hall        | 4129 University Avenue |
| MacKinnon Hall      | 4130 University Avenue |
| MacIsaac Hall       | 2200 Varsity Drive     |
| Mount Saint Bernard | 2340 Notre Dame Avenue |
| O'Regan Hall        | 2250 Varsity Drive     |
| Riley Hall          | 2260 Varsity Drive     |
| FX Hall             | 6011 Varsity Drive     |
| Governors Hall      | 2100 Varsity Drive     |

## Campus Map



## Explore StFX with the Campus Accessibility Map

The map highlights key accessibility features across campus, as well as student services and engagement spaces. A built-in wayfinding tool makes it easy to plan the most accessible route between any two locations on campus, helping you get where you need to go with confidence.

