I-House Community Standards

Here are a few tips to make your stay at I-House, and that of your fellow residents, a positive experience.

☐ Quiet Hours
Creating noise that unreasonably disrupts residents or neighboring community members at any time is unacceptable. If a neighbor or I-House staff member asks you to be quieter, you are expected to respond courteously and curtail any excessive noise. Residents are asked to be especially considerate during the designated Quiet Hours:

10pm-9am Sunday - Thursday
1am-9am Friday & Saturday

☐ Drinking
I-House recognizes that many of our residents are over the age of 21 and legally allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. This policy is designed to respect the right of these residents to responsibly consume alcohol while maintaining a safe and academically conducive residential environment. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited in all I-House facilities, including resident rooms. The distribution of alcohol to those under the age of 21 and the manufacture of alcoholic beverages is not allowed at I-House.

No alcohol consumption is allowed in the Game Room nor in the Gamble Lounge.

If you wish to have an Organized Resident Gathering in these rooms, please contact Maribel Guillermo, Resident Support Services Manager, at chabe@berkeley.edu, at least two weeks before the date of your proposed gathering. RAs have the authority to confiscate any alcohol being consumed in these rooms without permission, and student judicial proceedings will follow any violation of this policy.

☐ Smoking and Tobacco-Free Policy
UC Berkeley and I-House are committed to providing a healthy, tobacco-free environment for students, faculty, and staff. International House and all adjacent University property is tobacco-free. The tobacco-free policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, water pipes, hookahs, “e-cigarettes” and smokeless tobacco products, on I-House property and grounds. If you wish to smoke you must be at least 25 feet away from I-House property, including the sidewalk. Please note that violators of this policy will be evicted from International House upon their third smoking offense.

☐ Access to the ‘Resident-Only’ Areas
Access to the resident-only areas is restricted to I-House residents and their accompanied guests. Residents must accompany their guests at all times and are responsible for the guest’s behavior while visiting I-House. When you have visitors, have them call you. Then meet your friend at the front desk lobby and escort them inside. For your own safety and that of others, please do not let unescorted non-residents into the resident-only areas of International House at any time.

☐ Having Guests
Overnight guests are allowed in International House on a short-term basis and with certain limitations. Residents in double rooms must have the advanced consent of their roommate before having an overnight guest. Guests are permitted for no more than three consecutive nights. Long-term guests (more than three nights) are not generally permitted, as they are an inconvenience to roommates and other residents and constitute an additional burden on House facilities. Exceptions to the Guest Policy are rare and only made through prior discussion with the Director of Admissions. If you are in a double room, meet your roommate and discuss how you can be compatible and have a great year! Read and discuss the section on Roommates on the I-House Resident Handbook, http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/residents/handbook.pdf.
- **Front Desk Hours**
  The Front Desk is the central hub for information and support for International House residents and guests. The Front Desk staff can be reached by calling (510) 642-9490, or 2-9490 from your emergency phone on your floor. You can reach the RA at their cell, 510-282-0092 only in the event of an emergency and after the front desk closes.

  **Front Desk Hours:**
  Sundays-Wednesdays, 7am-12midnight
  Thursdays-Saturdays, 7am-2am

- **Emergency Exits**
  Get familiar with the emergency exits on your floor and throughout the house. This is important as you may have to use these exits in the event of an emergency evacuation such as a fire alarm or an earthquake.

- **Fire Alarms**
  When a fire alarm sounds, you must leave the building immediately using the stairs. Do not use the elevators. Learn at least two ways of exiting in the event that one exit is not available. Tampering with fire safety equipment, which includes alarms, pull stations, extinguishers, smoke detectors and fire suppression sprinkler systems, or refusing to evacuate during an alarm are serious violations of state law and will result in disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution.

- **Counseling at I-House**
  The Tang Center offers counseling services. To make an appointment call 510-642-9494 or contact them at, https://uhss.berkeley.edu/counseling/individual.

- **Keys and Unauthorized Access**
  Residents are not allowed on rooftops, balconies or ledges, or any area marked for restricted access. In addition, residents may not provide access to International House’s residential areas by giving their keys or access cards to guests. Unauthorized possession, duplication or misuse of room keys, master keys, or security cards is prohibited.

- **Damages**
  Residents will be held responsible for any and all damages they cause at I-House. This includes damages to their individual room, public areas, furniture and other I-House spaces and equipment. Vandalizing or damaging International House facilities will result in judicial action, including financial repercussions required to cover the cost for any necessary cleaning or repairs.

- **Staff Compliance**
  International House student staff, including Residential Life staff members (Resident Assistants, Front Desk staff and Security Monitors), are authorized to make reasonable requests of residents and their guests while performing their duties. Each resident is required to comply with these requests, which may include providing identification, evacuating a room or building, discontinuing behavior that violates policy, or assisting in the confiscation or disposal of prohibited items. Failure to comply with the direction of I-House staff in the performance of their official duties will result in a Confidential Report and adjudication.

- **Check out the I-House Resident Handbook** for more information, including our policies and procedures, the Student Conducts process, and other important information:
  [http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/residents/handbook.pdf](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/residents/handbook.pdf)