HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

**Policy Statement**

Personal safety and residence hall security are top priorities of The University of Southern Mississippi. Students, staff and the University Police (Campus security officers patrol the residence hall areas on a 24-hour basis.) have worked together to develop procedures that have greatly increased security in the residence halls. Students must share in the responsibility to ensure security and maintain control of each hall.

**Reason for Policy/Purpose**

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding health and safety.

**Who Needs to Know This Policy**

All students of The University of Southern Mississippi community living on campus.

**Website Address for this Policy**

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-res-030

**Definitions**

**Policy/Procedures**

The Residence Life department expects that students will respect the security of the buildings, be knowledgeable of safety policies and procedures and refrain from creating fire or other safety hazards. Students have the responsibility to maintain residence hall rooms in a manner that will
not create an adverse living environment for themselves, roommates and other students within the building.

The residence hall staff will, as it deems necessary, set a specific time to conduct a periodic room inspection for any health or safety hazards. Should you fail your room inspection, you will be given a time frame in which to clean your room. Another inspection will then take place, and a fine and possible disciplinary action will be issued if you fail the inspection.

The following safety regulations and guidelines should be followed:

1. Door propping (inside with deadbolt and out) is strictly forbidden. Those found propping doors will be fined $50 and will be subject to further disciplinary action.
2. Only those authorized and with proper identification are allowed to enter the residence halls.
3. Visitors must check in with residence hall staff or the hall security officer, sign the visitor log and present a picture ID.
4. Violations of hall security procedures will result in disciplinary sanctions and/or criminal prosecution.

**Review**

The Director of Student Housing Administration is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

**Forms/Instructions**

N/A

**Appendices**

N/A

**Related Information**

N/A

**History**

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

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Responsible Officer

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Date

March 22, 2013