

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY POLICY ON CAMPING

I. POLICY

Camping is prohibited on University property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the University. This policy applies to all individuals accessing or requesting use of University property.

II. PURPOSE

Salisbury University (“University”) is committed to maintaining a healthy, safe and clean work, educational and living environment in order to efficiently carry out its educational mission. The University is permitted to control its buildings and grounds consistent with the University’s policies on use of facilities and residences, which prohibit the use of University property or buildings for purposes unrelated to the regular programs and activities of the University or which interfere with University business, programs and activities.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Camping is one or more of the following:

- i. the establishment of, or attempt to establish, temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on University property (indoors or outdoors) other than University managed housing or without prior written University permission;
- ii. sleeping outdoors with or without bedding, tent, hammock, or similar device, structure, protection or equipment;
- iii. sleeping in or under any parked vehicle;
- iv. establishing or maintaining outdoors, or in or under any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking or storing personal belongings;
- v. setting up bedding, sleeping bags, mattress, tent or other sleeping equipment, or setting up any cooking equipment that has not been approved by prior written permission of the University.

B. University Property: Any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the University including any University licensed or operated space, facility, grounds or building.

IV. EXCEPTIONS

A. Actions that constitute Camping as defined above may be permitted as follows:

- i. When approved as part of a revocable permit for campus use or approved in advance in writing by the Office of Conference Services or other authorized University office.
- ii. In extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved in writing in advance by the University President or their designee.

IV. ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

A. The Salisbury University Police Department (“SUPD”) is responsible for addressing non-compliance with this policy by all persons and has the authority to address violations of this policy that constitute criminal trespass or any other violation of law.

B. Students, faculty and staff may be referred for disciplinary action for alleged violation of this policy.

V. APPLICABILITY

This policy addresses and regulates Camping in all University facilities and property. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, registered student organizations, external individuals and groups, and unapproved entities.

VI. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS

The Office of Conference Services and Salisbury University Police Department are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this policy. For additional questions, contact Conference Services at (410) 543-6172 or SUPD at (410) 543-6222.

VII. RELATED POLICIES

Facilities Use Policy
Free Speech information page

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