

Educational Special Condition Ideas For Residence Life Incidents

Special Conditions support important learning outcomes. Here are some ideas for educational conditions. You can assign one or more conditions depending on the violation. You can use these or develop other ideas.

NOTE: We recommend the use of Reslife.net modules since we are paying an annual fee to use them.

Alcohol Violations

Learning Outcomes

Social Responsibility, Healthy Behavior
Clarified Values

Educational Condition Options

“Choices” program (see alcohol protocols)
Research paper on group behavior/peer pressure
Reflective paper on becoming intoxicated
Posters/table tents about campus alternatives to drinking as social activity

Disrespecting the RA

Learning Outcomes

Effective Communication, Social Responsibility
Leadership Development
Meaningful Interpersonal Relationships

Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net Modules (e.g., Civility)
Interview RA and write report about RA’s training
Write a reflective paper “in the RA’s shoes”
Letter of apology
Community service w/reflective paper



Excessive Noise

Learning Outcomes

Clarified Values, Social Responsibility
Realistic Self-Appraisal, Effective Communication

Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net Modules
Negotiate Behavioral Contract with roommate, RA
Letter of apology
Reflective paper on “what if everyone did this?”
Poster or table tents on respectful group living

Unauthorized Sports/Horseplay in Halls

Learning Outcomes

Social Responsibility, Healthy Behavior

Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net Modules
Research paper on group behavior/peer pressure
Letter of apology
Research paper on risk-management in sporting events

Unauthorized Animals in Residence Hall

Learning Outcomes

Appreciating Diversity
Healthy Behavior, Spiritual Awareness



Educational Condition Options

Research paper on allergies/health hazards of pets/phobias
Community service at animal shelter w/reflective paper
Restitution for decontamination

Removing Furniture/Misuse of Property

Learning Outcomes

Social Responsibility

Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net Modules (e.g., Community Living)

Perform calculations on cost of furniture/property if everyone did this

Perform community service w/reflective paper

Poster or table tent campaign

Research the dangers of property misuse (e.g., riding in dryers, sliding on trays)

Vandalism

Learning Outcomes

Impact on Community (staff and students)

Respect for Community

Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net Modules (e.g., Anger Management, Community Living, Civility)

Perform community service w/reflective paper

Restitution for repair/clean up costs

Letter of apology to affected staff and students

Reflective paper on ethics and decision making

Minor Weapons Violations

Learning Outcomes

Health and Safety Awareness

Respect for Community



Educational Condition Options

Reslife.net (Community Living, Safe Living)

Research paper on health and safety dangers of air soft guns

Reflective paper on “what if everyone did this?”

Research paper on group behavior/peer pressure

Practical Jokes “Gone Wrong”

Learning Outcomes

- Impact on Community
- Respect for Community
- Personal Impact (e.g., criminal charges if pranks escalate)

Educational Condition Options

- Reslife.net Modules (e.g., Civility and Respect, Community Living)
- Perform community service w/reflective paper
- Restitution for repair or clean up costs
- Letter of apology to staff and students
- Reflective paper on ethics and decision making

Prank Phone Call/IM/Email/Facebook

Learning Outcomes

- Understand Definition of Harassment
- Respect for Community
- Personal Impact (e.g., criminal charges if incidents escalate)

Educational Condition Options

- Reslife.net Modules (e.g., Peer Harassment, Civility and Respect)
- Letter of apology
- Poster or table tent campaign
- Reflective paper on ethics and decision making

Obnoxious Odors (messy room, dirty laundry, smelly hockey equipment)

Learning Outcomes

- Respect for Community, Roommate
- Respect for Self

Educational Condition Options

- Reslife.net Module on personal cleanliness
- Negotiate behavioral contract with Roommate, RA
- Meeting with Counseling Services



Fire Safety Violations (Open Flame, Failure to Leave During Fire Drill)

Learning Outcomes

Danger to Self and Staff
Respect for Community and Property

Educational Conditions

Review video on fire safety or Reslife.net module
Community service with Red Cross w/reflective paper
Research paper on dorm or apartment fires
Poster or table tent campaign on fire safety

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