

Security in the Residence Halls

At Cedarville University all residence halls are separate, single sex, facilities. Co-ed visitation is only permitted in the designated main floor lounges during posted hours and is open for visitors during those times. Nonresident friends of the same sex or relatives may visit with permission from the resident director when appropriate, but parents or other married adults are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence halls except when acting as a chaperon for a group of visitors.

All nonresident students are to leave the residence hall by closing unless other arrangements have been made with the appropriate resident director. Only in unusual circumstances may students stay overnight in one another's room, in which case permission must be secured from both resident directors. All single students under 25 years of age—except those commuting from the home of their parents or legal guardian—must live in the residence hall or university approved housing. Exceptions to this are considered on an individual basis by the Student Life Deans. In all cases, the University seeks to maintain maximum occupancy in the residence halls. When approved, off-campus housing includes apartments, individual homes, or individual rooms in private homes. The University does not provide supervision for off-campus housing, but students are expected to abide by the same moral standards of conduct as on-campus residents. Some housing for married students is available in university-owned apartments located in the town of Cedarville. Residence halls are staffed by professional Resident Directors and numerous Resident Assistants. These individuals are under the administrative oversight of the Dean and Associate Deans of Student Life. All residence hall staff members undergo training in enforcing residence hall security policies and emergency procedures.

Residence halls consist of two basic building types:

The **first** is the *motel-type*, which have direct egress to the outside from each unit or the *house-type* that are designed in the same manner as a residential home. The motel-type include: Lawlor, Maddox, Printy, and South Apartments and the house-style include: South and Harriman Halls, Schubsole and Huffman. Exterior doors to all house/motel type residence halls are capable of remaining locked at all times, including the courtyard doors to Maddox.

The **second** is the *traditional-type residence hall*, in which each room opens to a common corridor within the building complex. These residence halls include: Brock, Carr/Marshall/Rogers, Faith, Johnson/St. Clair, McChesney/McKinney Murphy/Rickard, Palmer and the Willetts Hall complex. These buildings are secured 24-hour-a-day. Fire exit doors in these residence halls remain locked at all times, and audible alarms are installed on each door. All of our residence halls are equipped with conventional locks and the majority of them have integrated electronic access control systems. Each resident can gain access to their individual room and/or residence hall with a key issued by the Campus Safety & Security Department. Security access control systems are installed at Brock, Faith, Carr/Marshall/Rogers, Johnson/St. Clair, Maddox, McChesney/McKinney, Murphy/Rickard, Palmer and the Willetts Hall complex. These devices allow entry through the main exterior doors by using a proximity card. In addition, residents are urged to lock their room doors at all times when sleeping or leaving their room and to not prop open exterior doors. It is also advised for those who reside in residence halls to not leave their keys hanging in their door knobs. Charges are assessed to residents losing their keys, as locks are re-keyed to maintain security. All windows are capable of being locked.

Since all residence halls are closed during vacations and spring break, special arrangements must be made with the appropriate resident director for students who find it necessary to stay during those periods. It is strongly recommended that other arrangements be made if at all possible. During term breaks, utility services in the residence halls are drastically reduced as a cost-reduction measure.