

House/Suite Adjustment Procedure

All houses/suites have the responsibility to adhere to the expectations outlined in the Room & Board Contract and Community Standards. In the event that a house/suite has to be addressed for any violation, they will be subject to being adjusted.

Every house/suite has a wet or dry status. A house/suite is dry when fifty percent of its residents are under the age of 21. When a house is dry, there can be no alcohol present or consumed in any common areas. Wet status is obtained when fifty percent +1 of the residents of a house/suite are 21 years of age or older. When a house/suite is wet, alcohol can be consumed in all common areas including the lounge and kitchen. When an adjustment occurs, a house/suite loses its “wet” status and becomes “dry.”

The length of time which a house/suite can be adjusted can vary. Typically, an adjustment period is a minimum of two weeks but can last up to the remainder of the academic year. The length of an adjustment period is at the discretion of the Area Coordinator or Residence Director.

Reasons for adjustments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Frequent warnings and documentations to a house/suite
- Quiet Hours violations
- Damage or vandalism
- Fire safety violations
- Violations of the Social Gathering Policy (including holding an unregistered gathering)
- Violations of the alcohol use policy, including alcohol evaluations and transports.
- Physical or verbal assaults that occur within or outside of a house/suite
- Violations of the Furniture Policy (including placing furniture or other Stonehill property outside of the building)
- Illegal access to roofs or ledges
- Other violations of the Community Standards, including those that occur during or as a result of a Social Gathering.

When a house/suite has participated in an action that may warrant an adjustment, the house/suite can expect contact from the Residence Director or Area Coordinator of the area. Contact will be made via e-mail and will be for the purpose of establishing a meeting time and place to discuss consequences for the violation of the Social Gathering Policy or Community Standards. This meeting is not a disciplinary hearing. Further disciplinary action against individuals or the house/suite as a whole may be necessary based on the nature of the violation.

The type of violation will be a factor in the outcome and the length of the adjustment. When determining the outcome, the Residence Director or Area Coordinator will consider the behavior of the students during the incident, as well as their demeanor during the house/suite meeting. There is no appeal of adjustment decisions. All decisions rendered by the Area Coordinator or Residence Director are final.