

Wet-Dry Status Procedure

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

Every house/suite has a wet or dry status. Wet status is obtained when sixty percent (60%) of the residents of a house/suite are 21 years of age or older and 100% of the residents of a house/suite have completed Bystander Intervention Training sponsored the Office of Health & Wellness as well as a Wet Status Training sponsored by Residence Life. When less than sixty percent of the residents are under the age of 21, and/or less than 100% of the residents have completed the required trainings, the house/suite is “dry.” 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 four weeks but can last up to the remainder of the academic year. The length of an adjustment period is at the discretion of the Residence Life office. Reasons for adjustments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Frequent warnings and single documentations to a house/suite
- Bias related incidents
- Quiet Hours or Noise violations
- Damage or vandalism
- Fire Safety violations
- 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
- A common area being over capacity (Capacity for a Courts house common room is set to 50 individuals. Capacity for a New Hall or Pilgrim Heights suite common room is set to 30 individuals)
- Other violations of the Community Standards and Residence Life Policies

When a house/suite has participated in an action that may warrant an adjustment, the house/suite can expect contact from the Residence Life office via email. 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. In addition to loss of wet status, repeat offenses can result in weekend restrictions, educational sanctions and administrative relocation of housing assignments. Decisions pertaining to wet-status violations are final and there is no appeals process.