# Residential Life Main Campus & City Vista Balcony Policy

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## *General Description*

### Purpose:

Because many balconies of student rooms, units, and walkways are in public view, balconies/walkways must be kept neat, uncluttered, and safe.

### Scope:

This policy applies to students living in main campus residence halls and City Vista.

## *Policy Content*

**Main Campus & City Vista**

**Items on balconies must be wholly contained within the balcony (including decorative lights, holiday decorations, etc.) Items on walkways may not interfere with normal pedestrian traffic.**

**The following items are the *only* items permitted on balconies and walkways:**
**- Plants**
**- Wind chimes, wind socks, sun catchers**
**- String lights, in-season holiday decorations**

**The following items are permitted on private balconies only and are *not* permitted on walkways:**
**- All-weather furniture**
**- Drying racks**
**- Plastic storage containers, such as storage bins (placed up against wall)**
**- Free-standing hammocks**
**- Bicycles (must be neatly parked, and may not be hung from ceilings or walls)**

**Residential Life staff reserves the right to limit the size and number of containers on a balcony. University furniture is not permitted on balconies/walkways at any time. Obstructing the view of the balcony from the outside by hanging items (flags, towels, tapestries, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Hammocks hung from the balcony railing are strictly prohibited. Only free-standing hammocks attached to stands are permitted. Writing or painting on balconies or use of decorative substances such as fake snow, chalk, or window paint is prohibited. The use or storage of barbecue grills on balconies is prohibited. As a safety precaution, no more than five (5) people are permitted on a balcony at any time. Jumping from balconies is strictly prohibited. Motorcycles are not permitted on balconies, patios, courtyard areas, or stairwells.**

**Students who share responsibility for a balcony are encouraged to communicate with one another regarding items placed on the balcony. All students who live adjacent to or share a balcony will be held responsible for splitting balcony violation fines. If one or more individuals wishes to assume responsibility for the balcony violation(s), email reslife@trinity.edu with your housing assignment (building and room/unit number) and the name(s) of the individual(s) claiming responsibility for the violation. Staff members may issue fines without warning. If violations are not corrected within 24 hours, additional fines and referral for judicial action may ensue.**

**Building ledges that may only be accessed from a student room through a window are not considered balconies. Residents may not climb onto nor place property onto these areas, even if there are railings attached to the ledges. Because of the hazards to persons walking below, as well as other litter created, objects may not be thrown or dropped from balconies, walkways, roofs, or other above-ground level areas.**

## *Performance Evaluation*

### Consequences of Policy Violation:

Policy violations may be handled by Residential Life or referred to the Dean of Students' Office. Consequences include monetary fines and/or other possible judicial action.

# *Revision Management*

### Revision History Log:

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