

# Fall 2017 Guide to Stamford Housing

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# Residential Life at UConn



## Mission Statement

Residential Life plays a vital role in the success of the University of Connecticut and its students by providing quality facilities, personnel, services, and programs which contribute to the mission of the University. Within the residential learning environment individuals are challenged and supported to develop into productive community members who are prepared to enrich society.

## Community Living

Living on campus at the University of Connecticut is a wonderful, positive experience. The impact that on-campus living has on a student's academic and social life is significant. To create a positive learning community, each resident must take an active role in the development of the living environment. Residential Life staff are excited about collaborating with you to develop a positive community in your residential area.

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# Welcome to Residential Life at the University of Connecticut!

Dear Students,

Welcome to the University of Connecticut! Residential Life staff have been busy preparing for your arrival on campus. This is an important time for us as we gather our resources to provide the services that you need to have a successful residential experience. We have compiled a guide that should be helpful as you prepare to arrive on campus.

Please look through the guide and once you arrive, take advantage of the professional staff and student staff (RAs) of your building to help answer any questions you might have about residence hall living. They are also willing and prepared to help you connect to other important services at the University.

We encourage members of our community to use available technology to communicate. We will use your UConn email account as our official form of communication as it relates to important information, please read all messages sent to you from our office. Our website [stamford.uconn.edu/campushousing/](http://stamford.uconn.edu/campushousing/) is a useful resource available to you. The website

provides information about housing processes, employment opportunities, and announcements about campus programs.

Information is also shared on our Instagram ([uconnreslife](https://www.instagram.com/uconnreslife)), Facebook ([UConn Residential Life](https://www.facebook.com/UConnResidentialLife)), and Twitter accounts ([@UConnResLife](https://twitter.com/UConnResLife)). Be sure to “Like” or “Follow” us so that you remain in the loop.

We value the opportunity to meet personally with students. So, if you have more questions please feel free to call the main office (860-486-2926) or stop by Student Services at the Stamford Campus (room 2.01)

I hope you find living in the residence hall to be a satisfying and memorable experience that assists you in being a successful student. We appreciate you choosing to live as a member of our community.

Pamela Schipani  
Executive Director  
Department of Residential Life  
University of Connecticut

# Applying for Housing & Receiving Your Assignment

*Fall 2017*

# 1

**Complete the housing app by April 16, 2017.**

Students admitted after April 1<sup>st</sup> from the Admissions waiting list, who submit the housing application by their individualized Residential Life deadline are considered on-time applicants.

Apply at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu).

A confirmation email is automatically sent once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

# 2

**Notification of housing status April 21, 2017**

Students will be notified if they are guaranteed on campus housing, with information about cancellation fees and policies.

Students who remain on the waitlist will be notified at this time of their status. If offers are made to students on the waitlist, they will be contacted via email.

# 3

**Request a roommate between May 1 - May 31 in MyHousing Complete Sharing Spaces By August 1, 2017 in HuskyCT**

We make every effort to match mutual requests, but cannot guarantee that you will be assigned together. Roommate requests are not mandatory. MyHousing can be accessed at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu)

The Sharing spaces module in HuskyCT helps new students learn strategies to develop positive roommate relationships. Students will be notified about the module over the summer via email/text and it should be completed by August 1, 2017

# 4

**Submit the Health History Form to Student Health Services by July 1, 2017.**

The Health History Form must include mandatory meningitis vaccination information, Per Connecticut state law, meningitis vaccination verification or immunization exemption information must be on file with the University to live in on-campus housing.

**Get the Form - [www.newhusky.uconn.edu](http://www.newhusky.uconn.edu)**

# 5

**Check your UConn email account!**

Residential Life will email assignment and check-in information to UConn email accounts June 16. Assignments by Residential Life staff are made using the personal preference information submitted on the 2017-2018 On-Campus Housing Application.

## Roommate Requests

**New Student Requesting Another New Student**

Roommate requests will be accepted between May 1 - May 31, 2017. We do our best to match mutual requests, but cannot guarantee that you will be assigned together.

Requests must be submitted online. Instructions will be available in May 2017.

**Looking for a Roommate?**

It is not necessary to find your own roommate (most new students are matched by Residential Life), however those who wish can connect with others looking for a roommate at

**[www.facebook.com/UConnRoommates](http://www.facebook.com/UConnRoommates).**

Spring 2018

# Applying for Housing & Receiving Your Assignment

## 1 Pay the enrollment deposit.

### Pay the \$300 enrollment deposit.

After the \$300 enrollment deposit has been paid and processed, you can access the Spring 2018 On-Campus Housing Application using your NetID and password.

University Information Technology Services (UITS) issues the NetID and emails activation instructions to the personal email account on file with the University. Visit [www.netid.uconn.edu](http://www.netid.uconn.edu) for more information.

## 2 Complete the housing app by November 20, 2017.

Students admitted from the Admissions waiting list who submit the housing application by their individualized Residential Life deadline are considered on-time applicants. Apply at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu).

A confirmation email is automatically sent once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

## Spring 2018 Availability

Spring 2018: Housing for Spring 2018 admits is not guaranteed, but based upon availability. Applicants will be placed on the wait list, and contacted by Residential Life if space allows.

## 3 Submit the Health History Form to Student Health Services by January 1, 2018.

The Health History Form can be found at [www.newhusky.uconn.edu](http://www.newhusky.uconn.edu), and must include mandatory meningitis vaccination information. Meningitis vaccination verification or immunization exemption information must be on file with the University by January 25, 2018 to be guaranteed housing for 2018-2019 (along with step 4).

## 4 Complete the 2018-2019 housing application by January 25, 2018 at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu).

The application will be available December 1, 2017. On-time applicants missing mandatory meningitis vaccination information will be placed on the waiting list and not guaranteed housing.

## 5 Check your UConn email account!

Residential Life will email assignment and check-in information to UConn email accounts in early January. Assignments are made based on availability.

Spring 2018: Due to limited availability of completely open rooms, we are unable to accept roommate requests.

# What to Bring/Not to Bring

## What We Provide

Bed & Mattress  
Dresser/Bureau  
Closet or Wardrobe

Desk/Writing Surface & Chair  
Cable TV (you bring the TV and cable cord)  
Internet Connectivity (Ethernet in all areas)

	XL Twin	1 XL Twin & 1 Standard Twin	Full Size
<b>Mattress Sizes</b>	Residence Halls & Suites Mansfield Apartments Northwood Apartments Cordial Storrs House	Nathan Hale Inn Spring Valley Farm Birch Cottage	
	<b>Charter Oak Apartments</b> Two Bedroom/Four Person	<b>Hilltop Apartments</b> Two Bedroom/Four Person	<b>Charter Oak/Hilltop Apartments</b> Four Bedroom/Four Person
	<b>Hilltop Apartments</b> Double Efficiency	XL twin sheets will fit either mattress	<b>Hilltop Apartments</b> Single Efficiency
			<b>Stamford Housing</b>

## Items to Bring

Alarm clock  
Bathrobe  
Bed sheets  
Clothes hangers  
Comforter/Quilt  
Fan (no ceiling fans)  
Pillows  
UL approved power strip  
Snacks  
Storage containers (which may fit under bed)  
  
Towels and washcloths  
Trash can  
Umbrella

Cleaning supplies (residents are responsible for cleaning own rooms)

Bathroom supplies (hand soap, shower caddy, soap, toothbrush, flip flops, etc.)

School supplies (backpack, notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, etc.)

### Apartment, Suite, & Stamford Residents

Bathroom cleaning supplies  
Toilet Paper  
Bathroom trash can  
Dishwasher detergent (Charter Oak/Hilltop Apts, Stamford)  
Microwave (Stamford only)

## Items to Consider Bringing

Stackable crates  
TV (with cable cords)  
DVD player  
Computer with original software (and Ethernet cable)  
Posters or decorations  
Lamp (not halogen)  
Area rug (most rooms have tile floors)

### UL Approved Appliances

Mini-refrigerator (36" in height or less with 3 prong rounded plug)  
Coffee maker  
Microwave (700 watts or less)

A more extensive list can be found at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu). Search for "Items to Bring".

## Leave At Home

Pets (only fish in 10 gallon tank or less permitted)  
Candles/Incense  
Halogen Lights/Lamps

Extension Cords (use power strips)  
Firearms  
Toasters



# Residential Life Staff

**Resident Assistants (RAs)** are paraprofessional student staff and are typically undergraduates, although some are graduate students. There are approximately 300 RAs in the residential areas of campus. RAs are usually located on the residential floor and have received special training relative to student needs, campus resources, conflict resolution, and overall University policies and procedures.

The Resident Assistant (RA) position is a premier leadership opportunity for students. RAs are student peer leaders responsible for entire communities of resident students. The RA position is more than just a job; it is a leadership journey that will challenge and offer opportunities for success and development at UConn.

For information about qualifications and responsibilities, visit [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu).

**Hall Directors (HDs)** are full-time professional staff who hire, train, and supervise the RAs and ARHDs. All of these staff members have prior residence hall experience and Master's degrees, live on-campus, and all have offices in the areas for which they are responsible. HDs serve as campus resources, educators, advisors, and student conduct officers.

**Assistant Directors** provide support for hall staff and are full-time professional staff with Master's degrees and five or more years of full-time residence hall experience. The Assistant Director is responsible for an area of approximately 2,500 students, 3-6 HDs and approximately 60 RAs. The Assistant Director works with and through his/her staff to better connect students to each other and UConn.

**Housing Services** staff are responsible for room assignments and room changes throughout the calendar year. They also oversee the housing application process, housing selection, and contract release process. Most of the print and email communication sent throughout the year to students and parents, including this guide, originates in the Housing Services unit.



# Housing Accommodations, Housing Application, & NetID

## Housing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities or a Medical Condition

Students with a documented health/medical condition or disability which may impact their living environment must contact the **Center for Students with Disabilities** to register and request a housing accommodation by July 1, 2017 for Fall 2017 and by December 1, 2017 for Spring 2018. Requests received after July 1/December 1 may not be honored due to availability.

**Center for Students with Disabilities**  
[www.csd.uconn.edu](http://www.csd.uconn.edu)  
(860) 486-2020

## The Housing Application

The housing application is one of the many important documents you will complete as a UConn student. As a new student, Residential Life staff will use the information you submit to assign you with a roommate(s). It is important to remember that as the student, you should fill out the application yourself.

Use the sample application in this guide to think about your answers before filling it out online. Remember that you must have your NetID (three letter initials followed by five numbers) from University Information Technology Services (UITs) to be able to access the application. The housing application must be submitted online at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu).

A confirmation email will be automatically sent to your UConn email account once the application is submitted. If you do not receive this email, call Residential Life at (860) 486-2926.

## Convictions, Pending Charges, or Removal from Housing

On-campus housing may be denied to students with felony or misdemeanor convictions (other than minor traffic violations), pending charges, or who have received disciplinary sanctions at another institution which resulted in removal from on-campus housing. Students must share this information on the housing application (or via email if after submitting the application), and must submit the following information in writing to [livingoncampus@uconn.edu](mailto:livingoncampus@uconn.edu).

### *Information Required & Notification of Housing Eligibility*

Detailed explanation of the conviction, charges, or sanctions. The correspondence should include first/last name, NetID, and contact information.

Once the statement of explanation is reviewed by the Associate Director of Housing Services, applicants will be contacted regarding eligibility.

## Don't Know Your NetID?

New students are assigned a NetID and emailed activation instructions by UITs to the personal email address on file with the University. To find your NetID go to [www.netid.uconn.edu](http://www.netid.uconn.edu).

If you have been admitted to the University but have not received your NetID activation instructions, try searching the link above, call the UITs Help Center at (860) 486-4357 (select option 3), or email [helpcenter@uconn.edu](mailto:helpcenter@uconn.edu). Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If sending an email, please include your full name and NetID in your correspondence.

A technology tutorial can be found at [www.techtraining.uconn.edu](http://www.techtraining.uconn.edu) > Storrs. This site helps students learn how to activate the NetID, UConn email account, and apply for housing.



# The Housing Application

## 1. Gender Identification

Please indicate the gender you most closely identify with if it is different from your legal sex. Staff will contact you regarding housing assignments to determine if alternative arrangements need to be made.

## 2. Smoking: Indicate your smoking status and living preference. Connecticut State Law prohibits smoking in residence halls.

- Smoker
- Non-Smoker - I prefer not to live with a smoker.
- Non-Smoker - I do not mind living with a smoker.

## 3. How often do you plan on having overnight guests?

- Almost never
- Twice a month
- Once a week
- Every weekend
- Twice (or more) a week
- Once a month

## 4. I like to live in a room that is generally:

- Casual - fairly clean, not always picked-up
- Neat - orderly and tidy
- Messy - looks like a tornado

## 5. I prefer the noise level in my room to be:

- Flexible - a time for noise and a time for quiet
- Quiet - low-key and mellow
- High Energy - music or TV on all of the time

## 6. I plan to use my room for:

- Relaxing and spending time with friends
- Studying
- Sleeping, and that is about it

## 7. When studying in my room, I generally prefer:

- Quiet location by myself
- \_\_\_\_\_ To study with another person
- To study alone with background music or TV

## 8. I prefer to have:

- At least 8 hours of sleep
- Less than 8 hours of sleep

## 9. Can you sleep with the light on and background noise?

- Yes
- No

## 10. The best way to approach me about an issue would be:

- Schedule a meeting and talk at that time
- Send me a message
- Tell me face to face right away

## 11. The relationship I anticipate with my roommate(s) is:

- I do not know what to expect
- They will be my friends
- They are people I live with, nothing more

## 12. Cell Phone Number

US Domestic Phone Numbers Only

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# The Housing Application

**13. Cell Phone Provider/Company**

Used to send occasional text messages.  
Standard messaging rates apply.

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The complete cell phone provider/company list is available on the online application.

**14. If your cell phone carrier is not on the list, please indicate the company so we can work with our software vendor to add it to our list.**

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**15. Opt Out of Text Messages**

Indicate "Yes" to opt out of text messages from Residential Life.

Yes  No

**16. Preferred Name**

Some students wish to be called by a preferred name, something other than their legal name. Please indicate the name you wish Residential Life to address you by, if it is different from your legal name.

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**17. Have you been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violation), or is any such charge pending against you?**

Yes\*  No

**18. Have you been removed from on-campus housing at a previous institution as a result of a disciplinary sanction?**

Yes\*  No

**19. What is the highest housing rate you prefer to pay?**

- Rate 1 (least expensive)
- Rate 2
- Rate 3
- Rate 4
- Rate 5 (most expensive)

**20. Do you have a medical/health condition or disability that requires a specific housing accommodation?**

If yes, contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to request an accommodation.

Yes  No

**21. Would you like to be contacted by our staff to discuss special housing considerations related to your religion?**

Yes  No

**22. Parent or Family Email Address (1)**

Will be used to send periodic parent and family updates and reminders

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**23. Parent or Family Email Address (2)**

Will be used to send periodic parent and family updates and reminders

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# Getting Involved

## What are the opportunities for involvement at UConn?

Residence hall living offers students the opportunity to make a difference. Becoming involved in hall leadership or student governance is your choice. You are strongly encouraged to get involved at any level ranging from running for a leadership position, to volunteering to help with a project, or simply attending a program.

We want your input to assess and improve the services we provide. Students are invited and welcome to participate in the many forums and committees on campus (e.g. Student Government Association) to provide both great leadership opportunities and an avenue to have input at UConn.

There are 25 registered student organizations at UConn Stamford, and you are sure to find one that matches some of your interests. There are lots of opportunities for recreation-intramural sports, arts and entertainment programming, music, community service, and academic clubs (e.g. Economics club).

Visit <http://studentactivities.stamford.uconn.edu/> for more info!

## Where can I find a job on campus?

UConn employs many students each year in a variety of departments, including the residence halls. On-campus jobs are usually posted immediately prior to the start of a semester.

Visit [www.studentjobs.uconn.edu](http://www.studentjobs.uconn.edu) for more information.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## Room Rates

[www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu),

## Billing

Students are billed online each semester by the Bursar's Office for room and meal fees, tuition and other university charges.

## Billing Questions?

Office of the Bursar  
233 Glenbrook Road  
Unit 4100  
Storrs, CT 06269-4100  
(860) 486-4830  
[bursar@uconn.edu](mailto:bursar@uconn.edu)  
[www.bursar.uconn.edu](http://www.bursar.uconn.edu)

## When can new students move in?

For the Fall 2017 semester, newly admitted freshmen (and their siblings) can begin moving in on Friday, August 26, 2017. All other students, including newly admitted transfers, can begin moving in on Saturday, August 27, 2017.

## How will Residential Life communicate with me?

Residential Life will utilize students' personal email addresses until they receive their UConn email address in July. Once students are on campus, Residential Life utilizes the UConn email system *exclusively* to communicate with students on a regular basis. It is important to regularly check this email account to stay informed about important housing related updates. Students will receive their housing assignments in their UConn email accounts. Residential Life is not responsible for email messages not received by students.

## What is the duration of the housing contract?

Students who submit a housing application are bound to the terms and conditions of the housing contract for both semesters (fall and spring term). The occupancy period is for the full academic year; cancelling the contract to live off campus may result in a financial penalty.

## Is there a vaccination requirement to live on-campus?

Connecticut State Law requires all students residing in university-owned housing be vaccinated against meningitis or submit immunization exemption information.

Before students move in, they must fulfill the meningitis requirement by receiving the immunization at Student Health Services, providing documentation that they have previously received the shot within the last five years, or by filling out an exemption form (medical/religious reasons, or student is 29 or older).

Visit [www.shs.uconn.edu](http://www.shs.uconn.edu) for more information.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Who is guaranteed housing, and for how long?**

All students desiring on-campus housing must apply and meet all housing deadlines each year. Residents must reapply each year and are not guaranteed housing for subsequent years. Space will be offered based upon availability.

Students who apply after all available spaces are filled are placed on the waiting list and only offered housing if spaces become available. UConn Stamford has a website with helpful resource for students researching off-campus housing options [www.offcampushousing.stamford.uconn.edu](http://www.offcampushousing.stamford.uconn.edu)

## **What if I don't get along with my roommate?**

Living with someone is a great opportunity to develop life-long relationships, even though it can be a challenging new experience. Before August 1<sup>st</sup>, students complete the Sharing Spaces Module online, which includes tips on fostering a positive roommate relationship (available Summer 2017). Students who experience difficulties with their roommate(s) are encouraged to seek out help from their HD (Hall Director). HDs are professional staff members trained to assist students in resolving conflicts with other students.

## **What is the alcohol policy?**

The alcohol policy can be found in the Student Code at [www.community.uconn.edu](http://www.community.uconn.edu). In accordance with state law, students who are under the age of 21 are not allowed to possess or consume alcohol. While we do not have any official "Substance-Free" housing, no alcohol is permitted in any room where both roommates are under 21. Illegal substances are never allowed at UConn.

## **Does UConn offer housing during break periods?**

The building is open over all breaks, including Winter and Spring Recess, at no extra fee.

## **How big are the rooms?**

Rooms vary in size throughout the building. More information will be posted on our website in late Summer 2017.

## **How will you consider my medical needs when making my assignment?**

Students who have documented disabilities that may impact their living environment are encouraged to request a housing accommodation with appropriate documentation regarding the disability at the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD). Students who request a housing accommodation must meet all Residential Life deadlines (including application and Room Reservation Fee). The CSD staff will determine if an accommodation is necessary and if so, make a recommendation to Residential Life.

Visit [www.csd.uconn.edu](http://www.csd.uconn.edu) or call (860) 486-2020 for more information. Students are encouraged to request an accommodation by July 1, 2017 for Fall 2017, and by December 1, 2017 for Spring 2018.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Fall 2017 Roommate Requests

Roommate requests will be accepted May 1 - May 31, 2017 in MyHousing. Complete instructions will be available in May 2017. Only mutual requests can be considered.

## Spring 2018 Roommate Requests

Due to the limited number of completely vacant rooms in the spring semester, we are not accepting roommate requests.

## Guests

Residents can have guests! Just remember you should always consult with your roommate and adhere to the guest guidelines in the housing contract.

## Smoking

All state-owned buildings, including residence halls, are smoke-free per Connecticut State Law. Residential Life collects information on smoking preferences in an effort to facilitate compatible roommate pairings, when possible.

## What if I do not want the furniture in my room?

Unfortunately, campus housing does not have adequate storage facilities for students to store furniture, and university furniture cannot be taken off site. Students will be held responsible for the furnishings in their room. If there is a concern about the furnishings or if a repair needs to be made, you can notify the Hall Director by visiting their office in the Stamford Apartment Building.

## What kind of internet access is available in the residence halls?

Internet and Cable access will be provided in the building. More information regarding the service type will be available in late Summer 2017.

## Where can students study?

Many students choose to study in their residence hall rooms or study lounges, while others find that the library is a more effective place to study.

## *Residence Hall Quiet Hours*

10:00 pm to 7:00 am  
Sunday - Thursday

Midnight - 10:00 am  
Weekends

During other hours, the noise level must not interfere with the rights of residents who want and need to study at that time.

## Can I bring my car with me to campus?

Limited parking will be available at the apartment building for an additional fee. Information about this option will be available in May 2017.

## Is there any way to recycle in the residence halls?

Recycling and trash stations are located in each of the traditional residence halls and suites. Apartment residents can take their trash and recycling to a collection point outside their building. Students, staff, and faculty can place recyclable material in any recycling container on-campus and can rest assured that the materials will be properly recycled.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What safety measures are taken in the residence halls?

Safety and security is the shared responsibility of all community members. Students should:

- Lock all windows and doors
- Use the door viewer before opening the door
- Close doors (no propped open doors)
- Avoid dark areas and traveling alone late at night
- Let someone know when they are going somewhere and when they will be back (especially for overnights)
- Call 911 for all emergencies or to report suspicious persons

The UConn Police Department's primary mission is the protection of lives and property at the University of Connecticut and all adjacent areas within the jurisdiction of the University. All residence halls are locked 24 hours a day; students must use their ID card or a foyer key to gain access to the building. Security screens are on most ground floor windows.

Resident Assistants are on duty weeknights from 7:00 pm -7:00 am and on weekends from 7:00 pm on Friday evening to 7:00 am Monday morning. There is always a professional staff member on duty for the residence halls as well.

## Are my belongings safe in my room?

You should always lock your door when you are not in your room. Most thefts from residence hall rooms occur when students leave their doors unlocked. You can also purchase locking devices for computers and printers, locking them to each other or a larger item in the room.

## What is the easiest way to get around campus?

Everything on campus is within walking distance. However, the shuttle bus is a convenient alternative. More information can be found at [www.stamford.uconn.edu/shuttle-information/](http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/shuttle-information/). Bicycle racks are also available throughout campus for individuals who wish to bring a bicycle to campus.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Do my parents/guardians have access to my personal records/information at UConn?**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits universities from talking about students' records with anyone but the student. This includes financial aid records, housing records, transcripts and all other university records that have student names on them. Students can give a parent or guardian access to some or all records through the On-Line FERPA Waiver. For more information please visit [www.ferpa.uconn.edu](http://www.ferpa.uconn.edu).

It is strongly encouraged that students fill out this waiver before an emergency or incident occurs so that information can be provided to the designated contacts.

## **Parent & Family Updates**

Residential Life posts periodic updates and newsletters for parents and family members of our residents online at [www.reslife.uconn.edu](http://www.reslife.uconn.edu). To receive an email informing you when these updates are posted, or when important deadlines or processes are approaching, please provide us with your email address by following the steps below.

**Option 1** – Include parent/family email address on housing application.

**Option 2** - Email [livingoncampus@uconn.edu](mailto:livingoncampus@uconn.edu) with the following information:

- a. Email Subject – Parent Email List Sign-Up
- b. Request to add your email address to the Parent Email List
- c. Student's Full Name & NetID
- d. Email Address – Parent Email Address (up to two email addresses)

Add [livingoncampus@uconn.edu](mailto:livingoncampus@uconn.edu) to your safe email sender list. Emails returned because [livingoncampus@uconn.edu](mailto:livingoncampus@uconn.edu) is not a "safe sender" will not be re-sent.

If you submit your email to [livingoncampus@uconn.edu](mailto:livingoncampus@uconn.edu), a confirmation email will be sent once your email address has been recorded.