

STUDENT LIVING

Cultivating a Wholesome Home Environment where Students can Progress as Disciples of Jesus Christ

BYU IDAHO | Housing & Student Living



STUDENT LIVING's *Purpose*

Student Living is not a separate program students sign up for. It is a way of living that invites students, roommates, managers, wards, and the university to work from shared principles. The apartment is a practical place to learn how to become the kind of disciple who blesses a home and the people in it.





THREE PRINCIPLES FOR STUDENT LIVING

Principle	What it means	What it looks like
COVENANT KEEPERS	Honor commitments to God and choose integrity when no one is watching.	Covenant keeping shapes trustworthy choices and responsible living.
LEADERS AT HOME	Develop daily, weekly, and monthly patterns that cultivate physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.	Leadership at home is proactive service that strengthens people and place.
PEACEMAKERS	Build, lift, encourage, persuade, and inspire—even when situations are difficult.	Peace begins with how we speak, listen, repair, and respond.





COVENANT KEEPERS

*"The greatest compliment that can be earned here in this life is to be known as a **covenant keeper**. The rewards for a **covenant keeper** will be realized both here and hereafter."*

President Russell M. Nelson

In an apartment, this can look like...

- **Keeping promises and agreements with God and with roommates.**
- **Making choices that reflect integrity, even when unseen.**
- **Honoring the CES Honor Code and Apartment Living Standards.**
- **Taking responsibility for mistakes and make restitution where needed.**
- **Let covenant identity guide media, language, relationships, and daily conduct.**

RESOURCES



COVENANTS & RESPONSIBILITIES - Dallin H. Oaks



COVENANT CONFIDENCE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST - Ulysses S. Soares





LEADERS AT HOME

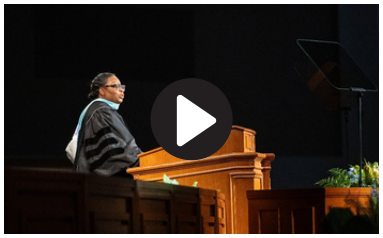
*"Families flourish when they **learn as a group and counsel together** on all matters of concern to the family and its members."*

President Dallin H. Oaks

In an apartment, this can look like...

- Creating routines that support sleep, study, prayer, cleanliness, and health.
- Noticing what the apartment and roommates need, then acting without waiting to be asked.
- Inviting participation and share responsibiliy for the home.
- Use roommate councils to set expectations and solve problems.
- Lead by example through service, consistency, and encouragement.

RESOURCES



YOUR LIFE CAN BE ANOTHER TESTAMENT OF JESUS CHRIST - Tracy Browning



THE SECRET TO A LIFE OF JOY - Jennifer Meredith



PEACEMAKERS

*"Let us follow Christ by forgoing contention and by using the language and methods of **peacemakers**."*

President Dallin H. Oaks

In an apartment, this can look like...



- **Speaking with kindness and clarity, especially when frustrated.**
- **Listening to understand before trying to be understood.**
- **Addressing problems early instead of allowing resentment to grow.**
- **Repairing relationships through apology, forgiveness, and changed behavior.**
- **Asking for help when a conflcit is beyond what roommates can resolve together.**

RESOURCES

PEACEMAKERS NEEDED - Russel M. Nelson



THE PEACE OF CHRIST ABOLISHES ENMITY - Dale G. Renlund



APARTMENT LIVING STANDARDS
at a glance

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

- *Choose media that reflects BYU-Idaho and CES standards.*
- *Use good judgment and take responsibility for personal media use.*

WEAPONS & DANGEROUS DEVICES

- *Any and all devices capable of causing injury are prohibited, except for kitchen, utility, and small pocketknives.*

HOURS & CONSIDERATION FOR ROOMMATES

- *Come home at a reasonable hour.*
- *Respect voice levels, gaming, lighting, music, and other noise.*
- *Honor agreed apartment quiet times and visitation hours.*
- *Protect everyone's ability to study, rest, feel safe, and worship.*

VISITATION BY THE OPPOSITE SEX

USE WISDOM AND CONSIDERATION: Roommates should counsel together about visitation hours, curfew, shared spaces, privacy, and individual needs. Create agreements that support a wholesome home environment and reflect the CES Honor Code, Apartment Living Standards, and the three Student Living Principles.

FULL VERSION: For complete standards and additional details, see the separate document: Apartment Living Standards



ROOMMATE COUNCIL

Speak Honestly • Listen Generously • Solve Together • Follow Through • Ask for Help when Needed

THE PURPOSE: A roommate council is a simple way to care for one another and shape the kind of home where students can progress as disciples of Jesus Christ. It does not need to feel formal. Make space to talk, listen, and agree on one small way to strengthen the apartment.

A natural conversation starter in three movements

START WITH CONNECTION

- How are you really doing?
- What has helped you feel welcome or supported here?

TALK ABOUT THE HOME WE WANT

- Connect the conversation to the three Student Living principles.

CHOOSE ONE NEXT STEP

- What is one change we will try?

A SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL: People leave feeling heard, supported, and clear—not because every issue was solved perfectly, but because roommates chose to work on the home together.



PUTTING THE PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE

*"What we do at home is the true crucible of **enduring and joyful discipleship.**"*

Elder Joseph W. Sitati

The goal is not a perfect apartment or a conflict-free semester. The goal is steady progress: students learning to choose Christlike responses, keep commitments and lead through service and responsible patterns.

NOTICE
Name the concern without attacking a person.

TALK
Speak directly, listen generously, and ask questions.

DECIDE
Agree on a clear and respectful next step.

FOLLOW THROUGH
Do what you said and revisit if needed.