

STUDENT LIVING

Cultivating a Wholesome Home Environment Where Students Can Progress as Disciples of Jesus Christ

BYU IDAHO | Housing & Student Living



STUDENT LIVING *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

Covenant Keepers

Synonyms: Faithfulness, commitment, devotion, integrity

Being true to commitments and sacred promises through consistency in word, action, and character.

Leaders @Home

Synonyms: Guide, role model, example, mentor, influence

The practice of setting a Christlike example through service, kindness, and responsibility within the home.

Peacemakers

Synonyms: Unity, understanding, forgiveness, compassion

Approaching situations with courage and gentleness, listening



COVENANT KEEPERS

Keep your word.
Honor your covenants.

*"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 gospel standards and making choices that reflect integrity, even when unseen.**
- **Consistently upholding apartment agreements with roommates.**
- **Honoring your commitment to live the CES Honor Code and Apartment Living Standards.**
- **Taking responsibility for mistakes and making restitution where needed.**
- **Letting covenant identity guide media, language, dating relationships, and daily conduct.**

RESOURCES



COVENANTS & RESPONSIBILITIES
Dallin H. Oaks



COVENANT CONFIDENCE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
Ulysses S. Soares





LEADERS AT HOME

Lead with love.
Live with purpose.

*"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, cleanliness, and health.**
- **Noticing what the apartment and roommates need, then acting without waiting to be asked.**
- **Inviting participation and sharing responsibility for the home environment and relationships.**
- **Using roommate councils to establish expectations and set goals.**
- **Leading by example through service, consistency, and encouragement.**

RESOURCES



FAMILY COUNCILS
M. Russell Ballard



THE SECRET TO A LIFE OF JOY
Jennifer Meredith



PEACEMAKERS

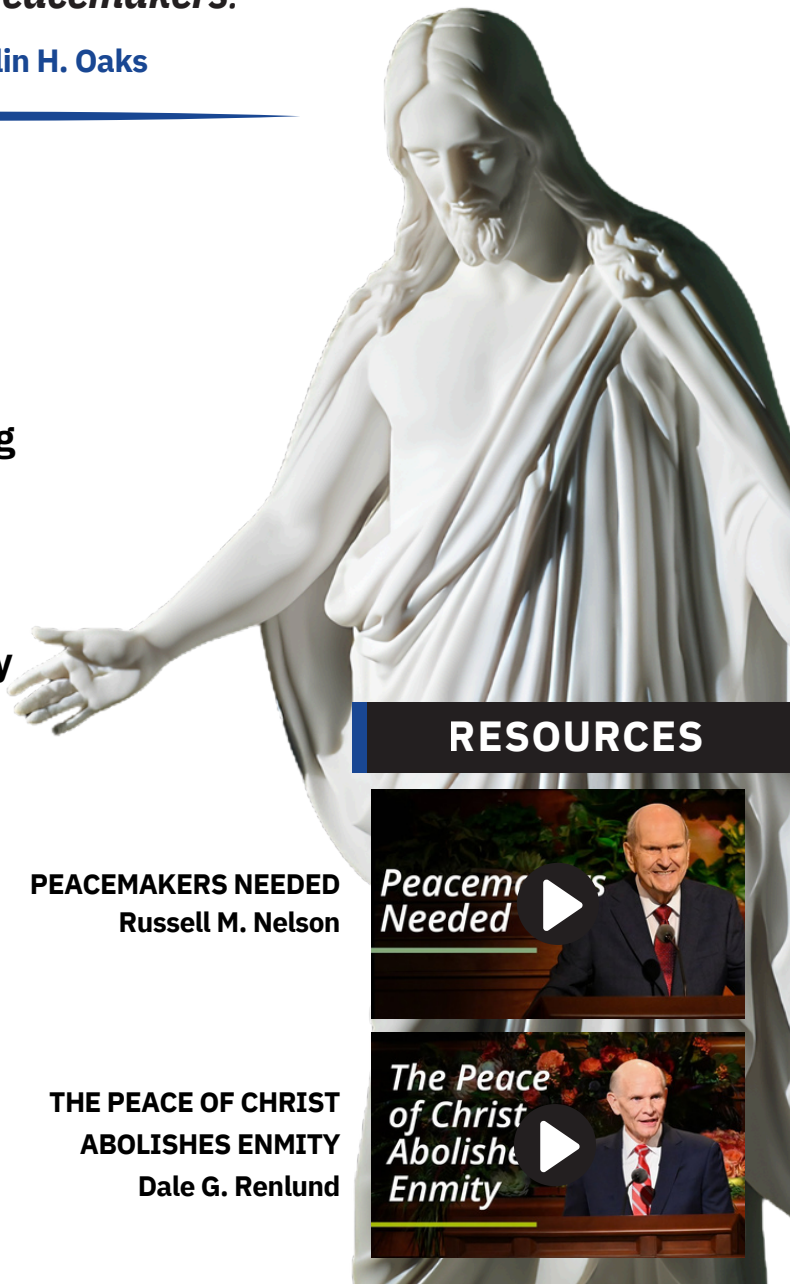
Seek to understand before being understood.

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

President Dallin H. Oaks

In an apartment, this can look like...

- **Listening to understand before trying to be understood.**
- **Addressing problems early instead of allowing resentment to grow.**
- **Actively seeking a resolution rather than remaining silent.**
- **Speaking with kindness and clarity, especially when frustrated.**
- **Repairing relationships through apology, forgiveness, and changed behavior.**
- **Asking for help out of genuine concern for others and a desire to preserve the culture of BYU-Idaho.**



RESOURCES

PEACEMAKERS NEEDED
Russell M. Nelson

THE PEACE OF CHRIST ABOLISHES ENMITY
Dale G. Renlund

APARTMENT LIVING STANDARDS
at a glance

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

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

WEAPONS & DANGEROUS DEVICES

- *Any 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

- *Keep all visition of the opposite sex in main living areas (living room/kitchen)*
- *Protect the privacy of roommates by asking before guests use the bathroom.*
- *Be considerate of roommates in frequency and duration of guests.*
- *No overnight stays or shower use of the opposite sex, even family members.*

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 can we do to help you feel welcome or supported here?

CREATE 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.