

## CAMPING ON CAMPUS

**Category:** Health and Safety  
**Responsible Office:** Environment, Health and Safety  
**Responsible Executive:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Date Established:**  
**Date Last Updated:**

### Summary

With guidance from the State University of New York Office of General Counsel, the *Camping on Campus Policy* provides clearer time, place, and manner operational language.

### Policy Statement

The University at Buffalo (UB, university) is committed—for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors—to maintaining a safe and healthy campus physical environment to carry out its research and education mission. UB is authorized to control its buildings and grounds consistent with the UB and State University of New York (SUNY) policies for use of facilities, which prohibit the use of university property or buildings for purposes unrelated to sanctioned programs and activities of the university.

In indoor and outdoor locations, the establishment of, evidence of an attempt to establish, or maintenance of temporary or permanent living space (other than in residence halls and apartments) or camping site at any location on university property is strictly prohibited.

### Violations

Violations will be subject to the provisions of the [UB Student Code of Conduct](#), the [SUNY Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order](#), the Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order for UB, and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

## Background

This policy describes general use parameters to:

- Preserve university property for use to which it is lawfully dedicated
- Promote the proper and optimal use of university property to further the university's mission and operations
- Protect the overall condition, safety, and security of university property and its users

## Applicability

This policy applies to:

- All students and employees of the university or university-affiliated organizations (e.g., state, Research Foundation, University at Buffalo Foundation, Campus Dining and Shops, Alumni Association) regardless of the funding source, and individuals and entities with contractual relationships with the university
- Visitors and guests on university premises

## Definitions

### Camping

The establishment of, or evidence of an attempt to establish, or maintenance of temporary or permanent living space at any location on university property other than living quarters in residence halls, apartments, or other university managed housing— this includes the establishment of any indoor and/or outdoor camping site erected in connection with any lawful assembly of individuals pursuant to SUNY/campus policies. For purpose of this definition, “living space” includes living rooms, bedrooms, or other spaces that are capable of being occupied as the equivalent of a residence or accommodation.

Establishing or maintaining outdoors, or in or under any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, including but not limited to, a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing of personal belongings or food, or sleeping by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, mattress, tent, or other sleeping equipment.

## Responsibility

### All Members of the University Community, Including Visitors and Guests

- Comply with the requirements of this policy.

## Contact Information

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## Related Information

### University Links

[Parking, Tailgating, and Transportation Services](#)

[Tents on Campus](#)

### Related Links

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.1 Disruption](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.2 Unauthorized Entry](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.3 Theft and Destruction of Property](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.4 Physical Abuses and Harassment](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.5 Dangerous Weapons and Explosives](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.6 Picketing and Demonstrations](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.7 Loitering and Trespassing on University Grounds or in the University Buildings](#)

[New York Codes, Rules and Regulations for UB 536.8 Sanctions](#)

[State University of New York Commercial Use Policy, Document 5607](#)

[State University of New York Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order Policy, Document Number 3653](#)

[State University of New York Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations, Document Number 5603](#)

## History

August 2024      The *Camping on Campus Policy* sunsets the Student Life Picketing and Assembling Policy that was established on 1/30/2020.

## Presidential Approval

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Satish K. Tripathi, President

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