

The Lutheran University Association, Inc.

d/b/a Valparaiso University

Search of Premises

The Vice President for Student Life, Dean of Students, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Director of Residential Life, any of their designees, or the Valparaiso University Police Department may search or authorize a search of premises controlled by the University and occupied by students, and of the personal possessions of students when there is a reasonable belief of a violation of a University regulation, policy, law or such search is for the protection of the health and safety of another, their property, or University property. University personnel conducting a search should indicate the reasons for the search and the object or information sought; the room(s) to be searched with the reason for searching these specific premises; and the name of the person other than the occupant of the room who will be present during the search, if the student whose room and/or possessions being searched cannot be present. University police should be directly involved in any search.

For premises not controlled by the institution, the ordinary requirements for lawful search shall be followed. Student rooms will be checked by University staff members at the beginning of vacation periods to verify that windows have been closed, lights turned out, refrigerators unplugged, etc. Staff members may also enter rooms to turn off alarms and the like.

A residential learning coordinator or resident assistant may enter a student room if there is reason to believe a University regulation or policy is being violated or for the protection of the health and safety of another, their property, or University property.