

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Frostburg State University has the authority to conduct reasonable search of university property, including residence hall rooms. A student's residence hall room and his personal possessions will be searched by university officials only 1). when there is reasonable cause to believe that illegal or other detrimental use is being made of the residence hall room in violation of university policy and 2). under authorization given in writing by an administrator designated by the President. The authorization shall specify the reasons for the search and the objects or information sought. If possible, the student shall be present during the search. The right of reasonable search is based on the responsibility of the University to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the university community. Evidence found through inspection may lead to action by the University Judicial System and/or by the proper law enforcement agency.

Administrative search authorization is not required in emergencies, when the student concerned consents to the search, where the search is incident to a lawful arrest by a police officer, or where the search is pursuant to a warrant issued by a law enforcement agency.

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