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SLEEPING IN PUBLIC AREAS OF UNIVERESITY OWNED, CONTROLLED OR LEASED PROPERTY

Policy Statement

Public areas of university owned, controlled or leased properties are not to be used for sleeping.

Reason for Policy

The purpose of this policy is to promote a safe campus environment, discourage vagrancy in public areas of university owned, controlled or leased property, and to present a positive public image of the university.

Who is Governed by this Policy

Faculty, staff and students

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Policy

It is a violation of university policy for individuals to use public areas of university owned, controlled or leased property for the purposes of sleeping in public areas without express permission from the university. It is expected that couches, benches and the like that are made available by the university in public areas will be used for seating and not for sleeping or lying down.

Public areas include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, benches, office lounge areas, steps/stairs on university owned or leased property, academic and non-academic facilities (including lecture halls, classrooms and libraries), atria, waiting areas, hallways, stairways, university yards or plazas, athletic facilities and/or dining facilities.

GWPD officers also have discretion to ask non-university affiliated individuals found to be in violation of this policy to leave university premises, and have the authority to bar non-university affiliated individuals from returning to any property owned, controlled or leased by the university in accordance with the policy regarding Barring People from Campus.

Related Information

[Barring People from Campus Policy](#)

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