

POLICY 1.1.1 – Prohibition of Camping on University Property

Policy Category:	General
Subject:	Prohibition of Camping on University Property
Approving Authority:	President
Responsible Officer:	Vice-President (Operations & Finance)
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Related Procedures:	*
Related University Policies:	MAPP Policy 1.1 - Use of University Facilities for other than Regularly Scheduled Academic Purposes MAPP Policy 3.1 - Health and Safety Policy
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A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.0 The University is committed to maintaining a safe, clean, and welcoming work, educational, and living environment to efficiently carry out its academic mission and ancillary activities. In an effort to protect University Property and to protect the health and safety of the University community, camping on University Property is not permitted, except as stated in Section C.5.0(i) below.
- 2.0 This Policy applies to all students, employees and visitors of the University.

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B. DEFINITIONS

3.0 The following definitions shall apply to this policy:

(i) **Camping** means:

- (a) the establishment of, or attempt to establish, temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on University Property other than space designated by the University in residence halls, apartments, hotels or other University-managed housing or lodging;
- (b) sleeping outdoors with or without bedding, tent, hammock, or similar device, structure, protection or equipment;
- (c) sleeping in or under any parked vehicle;
- (d) establishing or maintaining outdoors, or in or under, any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing of personal belongings, or sleeping by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment, or by setting up any cooking equipment, heating equipment, fortification or fencing that has not been approved by the University's Health, Safety and Wellness team.

(ii) **University Property** means any University owned, operated and/or leased real property.

(iii) **University** means The University of Western Ontario operating as Western University.

C. POLICY

4.0 General Prohibition

(i) Camping is not permitted on the University Property, unless an exception below applies.

5.0 Exceptions

(i) Camping may be permitted on University Property:

- (a) in connection with an approved University event which requires overnight occupancy at the site of the activity, if approved in advance, by the Associate Vice-President (Institutional Planning and Budgeting)

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when such use is consistent with the University's academic mission, and where such use is not detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of event participants or the University community; and

- (b) in extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved, in writing and in advance, by the President of the University or the President's designate.

D. ENFORCEMENT

- 6.0 The Campus Safety and Emergency Services is responsible for addressing non-compliance with this policy by all persons, and may address violations of this policy that constitute trespass or any other violation of law.
- 7.0 To address non-compliance with this policy, Campus Safety and Emergency Services may request assistance from city agencies including the London Police Service, the By-Law Enforcement Office, and the London Fire Department.
- 8.0 Students, faculty and staff may be referred for discipline for alleged violation of this policy.

E. PROCEDURES

- 9.0 The Associate Vice-President (Institutional Planning and Budgeting) will develop and maintain procedures for approval of overnight occupancy for University events as contemplated in Section C.5.0(i)(a).