

Student Reproductive Health Procedure for Residents at Kovacs UWC Student Village

Kovacs UWC Student Village in partnership with the University of the Western Cape, in compliance with international agreements and conventions and with national reproductive laws and policies requires that a residence student duly informs the Kovacs Management of any pregnancies. This procedure is motivated by the need to protect the productive health and bodily integrity of female students who reside at the Kovacs residence. The procedure further aims to ensure that the pregnant student is in an environment that promotes the wellbeing of both the mother-to-be and the baby, especially during the final trimester of the pregnancy.

Responsibilities of Pregnant Students

1. A registered residence student who knows that she is pregnant, or has reason to believe that she may be pregnant, should visit the University's Health Clinic, or a personal medical gynecologist for confirmation in writing.
2. Upon confirmation in writing the pregnant student should inform the Facilities Coordinator or a responsible residence staff member about the pregnancy, including the stage of the pregnancy. Letters from the doctor must be submitted to the residence staff member as proof thereof.
3. The pregnant student must visit the Health Clinic or a personal medical gynecologist during the term of pregnancy. The Facilities Coordinator must at all times be updated after consultations with the doctor.
4. The pregnant student should inform the Coordinator once at 6 months (beginning of the last tri-mester) in order for the necessary arrangements to be made for when the student leaves. The pregnant student must vacate her room no later than one month prior to the birth or earlier if recommended by a medical practitioner.

Rights of Pregnant Students

1. A registered residence student can remain in the residence until one month prior to giving birth provided that written confirmation from a medical confirming the health of both the mother-to-be and the baby is submitted to the Residence Coordinator.
2. A registered residence student, who has given birth to a baby, is permitted by law to return after six weeks (**without the baby**) unless otherwise advised by a medical practitioner, to her previous room or any other room of equivalent or comparative standards, allocated to her by the Kovacs Management or the Placement Officer.
3. No discrimination whatsoever will be directed against a student because of pregnancy.

General Provisions

1. Any pregnant student who does not inform the Kovacs Management within reasonable time, and is only discovered after six month, shall be in violation of the lease agreement.
2. Kovacs or any of its staff members will not be liable in the event of complications due to non-disclosure.

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