

TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

TIU POLICY: Room and Vehicle Search Policy

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I. PURPOSE:

To specify policy regarding the search of rooms and vehicles when deemed necessary.

II. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the Trinity International University (University) community.

III. POLICY:

The University reserves the right to enter all campus facilities including residence hall rooms, as required for building supervision, maintenance or other school related business. A search of a resident's personal belongings may be performed when it is deemed necessary in order to investigate an alleged violation or hazard as determined by a Student Life personnel as designated by the Dean of Students.

To initiate such a search, the Student Life personnel must first determine there is a reasonable cause that a violation of school standards has occurred and/or that the health or safety of an individual or the community may be at risk. A search will normally be conducted by two or more persons.

A notice stating the reason for the search will be provided to the resident, as well as the results of the search. Items believed to be evidence regarding violations or endangering the health or safety of an individual or the community may be impounded and the resident will be given a receipt for such items removed from the room, vehicle, or area.

University staff may also search vehicles owned or operated by students if there is reasonable cause to believe that the car contains contraband (e.g. alcohol, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and items found to be in conflict with Trinity's Community Life Expectations) that is in violation of standards of conduct.