

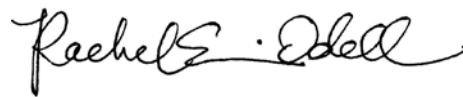
Dear Members of the Mather House Community,

Welcome, or welcome back, to Mather House! Mather is a residential community where we get to know our neighbors and support each other as we study, learn, and grow. Living in this community is a privilege that comes with a responsibility to observe House policies, and we rely on every member of the House to uphold community standards. Your entryway tutor will go over these points with you to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Christie McDonald and Mike Rosengarten
Faculty Deans of Mather House



Rachel Esplin Odell
Acting Allston Burr Assistant Dean

EMERGENCIES

- Please program your phone now with these numbers. We're here to help, 24/7:
HUPD (all emergencies): 617-495-1212 Mather Tutor-On-Call: 617-331-9510
Operations (maintenance emergencies): 617-495-5560 OSAPR (sexual assault/harassment): 617-495-9100

HOUSE SECURITY

- Theft happens (including laptops), even in common rooms and bedrooms, so keep doors locked and watch your belongings in the dhall. Move-in and move-out are particularly high-risk times. Disabling your suite door lock puts everyone in the suite (and across the bathroom) at risk and therefore is prohibited.
- Piggybacking: Don't let people into Mather unless you're certain they are members of the community. Call HUPD (617-495-1212) with any concerns.
- Guests: You are responsible for the behavior of any guest you invite into Mather. Guests staying more than three nights in a row must be registered with your tutor. Be mindful of how a guest affects your suitemates.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times, especially at night. Make use of the Shuttle, Evening Van, and Campus Escort Program:
Evening Van Service: 617-495-0400; available every night 7:00pm-3:00am (last call received at 2:30am).
Campus Escort Program: 617-384-8237; Sun-Wed 10:30pm-2:00am, Thurs-Sat 10:30pm-3:00am.
- Register today with "Message Me" to get important campus safety messages: www.message.me.harvard.edu

HEALTH

- Physical and mental health support at HUHS is included in every student's health service fee. Please invest in yourself by sleeping regularly, eating well, making time for physical activity, and developing relationships.
- Good hand washing stops the flu (and lots of other infection). If you fall ill, please avoid the dhall. Let your tutor know and Email our dining hall manager, Maureen_Russ@harvard.edu, to request a packed meal that your roommates can bring back for you.

FIRE SAFETY

- For the safety of all: Do not block fire escape doors. Don't overload your outlets with equipment. Don't cook in your rooms (instead, make use of the new JCR kitchen). Candles are prohibited.
- Fire Alarms: Exit the building immediately if the alarm goes off. Do not use elevators. (Keep your tutor apprised of any issue affecting your mobility.)
- False alarms are not funny: they are a criminal offence and endanger us and the firefighters who protect us.

SMOKING

- Smoke passes easily between rooms due to the ventilation system, so smoking in your rooms is a clear indication of disregard for the needs of the community. Smoking in the building can lead to notification of parents, disciplinary probation, and a requirement to move out of Mather.
- Mather is smoke free. This includes the courtyard.

DRUGS

- The College does not tolerate drug dealing or distribution because of the dangers it brings to the community. Report any strange or suspicious behavior. All suspected drug use will be confronted by tutors.
- Drugs are both a health issue and a disciplinary matter. If you are involved with any drug-related incident, the House Dean will meet with you to discuss the next steps, including a referral to the office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AODS).

PARTIES & ALCOHOL

- **Parties:** Hosts are responsible for the safety of guests and welfare of the community.
- **Party definition:** Any event that may disrupt the community and involve noise and/or alcohol is considered a party and must be registered. As a general rule, register your party if the attendance equals:
 - three times the number of suite residents, or more, without alcohol
 - two times the number of suite residents, or more, with alcohol
- **Party Registration:** Fill out the party form (with roommate's signatures), discuss the event with the tutor-on-call, and submit the form with all signatures **in the House Dean's office by noon on Friday.**
- **Fast Pass:** Students who participate in the Fast Pass training (date and time to be announced) can register parties online. Trainings will be held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.
- **Alcohol:** Students are expected to act responsibly and follow state laws. If House staff sees an underage student breaking the law by possessing alcohol, it will be confiscated. Providing alcohol to underage students ordinarily leads to disciplinary action.
- **Amnesty Policy:** When you bring an intoxicated or drug impaired student to UHS or a hospital or seek staff assistance (including HUPD), neither you nor the friend will face disciplinary action from the college for having used or provided alcohol or drugs.
- **SAFETY:** Drunk drinking is dangerous. Drinking to get drunk or continuing to drink if you are already intoxicated can be lethal and is an easy way to hurt yourself or others. Know your limits, avoid rapid alcohol consumption (especially via shots or drinking games), be aware of the risks of alcohol, and watch out for your friends.

LOCK OUTS & TRASH

- Go to the Miguel's office. Miguel's staff is there 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, and a Security Guard is present 4pm-8am every day. The Tutor-on-Call might be able to help on Saturday and Sunday from 8am-4pm when the office is closed. As a general rule, HUPD is not available to help with lockouts.
- Miguel's office has trash bags to help you keep our House clean. Bring trash and recyclables to the bins in the basement of the Tower and B-Entryway. Compostable garbage can be put through the dish return.

COMMUNITY

- Know your neighbors and get involved: introduce yourselves to one another, join HoCo, sit with someone new in the dhall, attend House events. *You* have the ability to make Mather the community you want!
- Thursday's are Community Night in the Mather dhall. Please join the Community Table, meet others and enjoy a special treat.
- Enjoy our many shared common spaces, and treat them with respect.
- Treat the dining hall and custodial staff with dignity and respect. Pick up after yourselves in bathrooms and public spaces. No dining hall trays, dishes or utensils should be stored in student rooms. Try to learn the names of staff members who help make Mather a home.
- **Quiet Hours** begin at 11PM on weeknights and 2 AM on the weekends and extend until 8 AM. If someone is making too much noise, it's best to express your concern in person. If you cannot do that or it hasn't resolved the issue, contact your entryway tutor or the tutor-on-call for help.
- Read emails from the Faculty Deans, the House Dean, and Tutors, and Mather-Official; you'll miss important messages if you filter these emails. For up to date information on events, check the Mather calendar on the Mather home page. Post events to Mather-Announce, but no more than two posts for a single event. Use Mather-Open for discussion; if things get heated there, suggest an in-person community conversation.
- Bystander intervention: *You* have the power to address any issues that makes you concerned. Learn the skills (direct intervention, delegating someone to help, and creating a distraction) and you'll be proud of the difference you can make. Use your best judgment in deciding whether a tutor or dean needs to know about any situation. We are always here to help.