

Things to know when living off campus...

Alcohol - It is unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages or to be intoxicated in public areas, including front yards, streets, parking lots, etc. For more information contact SLO Police Dept. at (805) 781-7317.

Animals/Pets - Please check with your landlord or management co. for lease guidelines on pet ownership BEFORE you bring a pet home; many rental properties do not permit pets of any kind. When outside of your home, dogs must be on a leash. If you need to find a new home for your animal or you have questions about licenses or animal laws, please contact Woods Humane Society (805) 543-9316 or SLO County Animal Services (805) 781-4400 for assistance.

Ambulance Service - 24-hour emergency service is available by dialing 911.

Budget - In addition to your monthly rent, remember to include any other costs; such as cell phone bill, cable/internet, electricity, furnishings, groceries, and or insurance.

El Corral Bookstore - (Located in the University Union, Building 65). For store hours and information, call 756-5322, or visit the Bookstore web site www.elcorralbookstore.com.

Emergency - Call 911. For non-emergencies call San Luis Obispo City Police (805) 781-7317 or Cal Poly University Police (805) 756-2281.

Fire - Make sure you have the appropriate hibachi / barbeque to use. Open pit fires and burning of trash or other items in your yard is prohibited.

Health Center - Appointments, Counseling Services, and Out-Patient Medical services are FREE to enrolled Cal Poly Students. Other medical services such as Urgent Care, Pharmacy, Optometry, etc. are also available, but do have a small fee. Cal Poly's Health Services is located in Building 27 (next to Recreational Sports). For more information, call (805) 756-1211, and or visit the Health Services web site www.calpoly.edu/~hps/.

Hospitals:

French Hospital: 1911 Johnson Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA (805) 543-5353

Sierra Vista Hospital: 1010 Murray Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA (805) 546-7600

House and Yard (Curb appeal) - Keep your home looking nice. Pick up trash, make repairs when they are necessary, keep up with all yard work, and remember to bring in your trash cans on the day your trash is picked up.

Some cities will cite you for having an overgrown yard (i.e., weeds, grass, trees, shrubs) and debris in your yard or for not bringing in your trash cans. Contact SLO City Public Works office with questions: (805) 781-7200.

Only "Outdoor" furniture and barbeques belong outside. Keep living room sofas inside your home and not on your front lawn or on roof tops. If you have furniture that can be donated contact Goodwill Industries at (805) 544-0542.

Landlords - Be sure that you and your roommates know who your landlord or management company is, and how to reach them at all times of the day. Including, "after hours" emergency phone numbers. This information should be provided to you along with a copy of your lease.

Leases - Remember that once you are 18, you are legally responsible for all documents that you sign, including a lease for a residence hall or an off-campus residence.

- Always, read ALL the terms of your lease and know its provisions before you sign it.
- Make sure that everyone that is sharing the costs of the rental property is listed on the lease agreement so that all roommates are jointly or separately held responsible for payments of your lease or any damages.
- Consider who your roommates will be, and always be clear as to who is responsible for paying what, when and how much.

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Legal Information - Fifteen minutes of free, legal consultation is provided to Cal Poly students, faculty, and staff. To schedule an appointment, call the Associated Student, Inc., Business Office at (805) 756-1281 or go to Building 65, room 212.

Neighbors (Neighborhoods) - REMEMBER that your neighbor might NOT be a college student and won't appreciate loud music or parties.

- Make time to meet your neighbors.
- Be courteous and respectful.
- It's always a good idea to let your neighbors know when and if you will be having a party. Offer your phone number to as a way to encourage them to call you FIRST and not the police, if the party gets too loud.
- When having a party - keep in mind the impact of parking issues on you and your neighbors. Encourage friends to carpool or walk. Remember that there is a 10 pm noise curfew in San Luis Obispo. Contact the San Luis Obispo Police Dept. for more information. (805) 781-7317. Try to keep the noise to a minimum from 10pm-7am daily.

Occupancy Limits - Apartments/Homes in the R-1 or R-2 zones have certain standards which include number of bathrooms, bedrooms, parking requirements, and square footage per person. (This usually applies to most homes/dwellings in the Cal Poly area). A permit may be required if more than five adults occupy the residence. Contact the SLO City Community Development office at (805) 781-7180 for more information. REMEMBER that you could be forced to move out if overcrowded conditions violate zoning or safety codes.

Off-campus housing information - (www.housing.calpoly.edu) We offer assistance or information for the following:

- Off-Campus listings. You can either search for or list available rentals, subleases, and the need for roommates.
- Contact information to privately owned off-campus complexes.
- Links to "Renters" information and forms, such as, Tenant's Rights, Fair Housing office, Creative Mediation, Move-in/out Check list, and more.
- Off-Campus Student Housing Association - The Association is made up of some of the largest privately owned student housing complexes in San Luis Obispo. In order to be a member of the Association, a complex must house only students, provide 24-hour on-site management, and consist of at least 15 units. Association apartment complexes are all located close to the Cal Poly campus and on the city bus routes. Visit the Association website www.slo-offcampushousing.com to obtain more information about the various off-campus student housing association apartment complexes.

Parking -

On-campus parking is very limited. Students are encouraged to utilize the transportation services that are available or use bicycles. If driving to school, remember to purchase a parking pass at the Cashier's Office in the Admin. Building 1, Room 133, (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 pm). For more information, go to the University Police home page (www.afd.calpoly.edu/Police/) and select "Commuter and Access Services."

Off-Campus parking can be limited as well. Make sure you ask your landlord or management Company if a parking permit is needed.

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Safety – Always be aware of your surroundings and do not leave doors or windows open when you are not home or at night. Walk with a friend, and never alone, especially at night. Cal Poly and other counseling organizations in town have services for you to use.

- Escort Van – is a free service that takes you home on and within a mile off campus. Visit www.afd.calpoly.edu/police for stop-information.
- S.A.R.P (Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of SLO) – 24 hour Rape Crisis Line and Counseling: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or (805) 545-8888 (Free of charge)
- "Safe Ride Home" – Available to anyone needing a safe ride home within the San Luis Obispo City Limits between the hours of 9pm and 3am. Contact (805) 235-7233 for pick up and or UPD (805) 756-2281 for fee information.
- S.A.F.E.R Program (Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource) – Visit their web site (<http://www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/sfr/>) or call them at (805) 756-2476 for more information.

Transportation – There are various ways to get to campus, around town or back home.

- Amtrak - Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) has bus pick up and drop off on campus (across from Sierra Madre Hall, on Grand Ave) for most train connections.
- Bicycles – Cal Poly University Police advises locking bikes to the bike racks at all times. Try using a high grade "U-Lock" (i.e., Kryptonite) with a lock-reinforcing accessory (i.e., Bad-Bones) as an extra precaution. Students are encouraged to register their bikes with Cal Poly's University Police in case of a theft.
- Carpools - The campus Commuter Services office offers carpool partner matching services for students, faculty, and staff. There is an ongoing list maintained for such matching. (http://www.police.calpoly.edu/index_commuter.htm#11).
- Escort Van - The Escort Van, offered by the Community Service Officer (CSO) division of the University Police, makes scheduled stops at Kennedy Library, University Union, and the Business Building (Building 3) in front of the vending machines. Arrangements to be picked up from other locations on the Cal Poly campus can be made by calling the University Police at (805) 756-2281.

Skateboarding - is prohibited on streets and sidewalks in the downtown area as well as on the Cal Poly campus and is enforced with a fine or ticket. For more details, Contact the SLO City Police Dept. at (805) 781-7317 or Cal Poly University Police at (805) 756-2281.

SLO Regional Rideshare – (www.rideshare.org) or (805) 541-2277 is a one-stop shop for the Regional/County Bus or "RTA" (805) 541-2228 - has four bus routes that come through campus from the North County, South County and North Coast Areas; schedules are available on buses, at the UU Info. Desk, Library, State Cashiers and the University Police office. Subsidized passes are available. SLO City bus, called the "SLO Transit" or the SLO Trolley (805) 781-4472 or (805) 541-2877 - which serves the city and campus; schedules are available on buses, at the UU info desk, State Cashiers, Library, and University Police office. Cal Poly students, Staff and Faculty, ride for FREE, by simply showing their campus ID card.

Ride-On Shuttle - (805) 541-TRIP – Shuttles are available for rides to medical appointments, Airport pick-up/drop-off, Amtrak, Greyhound, and charters for special occasions.

Vehicles - Be considerate of your neighbors by parking in your assigned parking space or at the curb nearest your home. Encourage friends who visit to park with respect to your neighbors. Keep inoperable vehicles and parts on your own property or dispose of them quickly and properly so that it does not become an eyesore. Vehicles don't belong on lawns. You can get a citation for leaving them there. If you are driving your car to campus, remember that you need a parking pass. To purchase a pass, please visit the Cashier's office in the Admin. Building 1 or purchase one through your my.calpoly.edu portal or visit http://www.police.calpoly.edu/index_parking.htm.