University of Portland

Residence Life

Elevated Bed Agreement

You must complete and sign this form, and it must be approved by your Hall Director

I, the undersigned resident(s) of room #_____ in _____ Hall, wish to raise one or more bed(s) in my room. I have read the Elevated Bed Policy attached to this agreement and I agree to abide by the Policy and any other University staff directions relating to elevated beds.

I understand that failure to follow the Elevated Bed Policy or other staff direction relating to raised beds might result in a requirement to take the bed(s) down and might result in discipline.

I understand that all room residents must sign this agreement, and, if not all have, I am not permitted to have an elevated bed.

ASSEMBLY -- *(Initial one of the following regarding assembly by Physical Plant.)*

Each resident must initial the "decline" option—otherwise Physical Plant will assemble the elevated bed.

_____I request Physical Plant assemble the raised bed(s); OR

_____I decline Physical Plant assembly.

Date:

Printed Name	Student Signature	Student ID#

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Elevated Bed Policy

Elevated beds (bunked or lofted beds "lofted" using a University Loft Kit) do give you more room. But any elevated bed carries with it some risks not associated with beds close to the floor. If you feel your bed might not be safe, please let a staff member know immediately so we can take the bed down or find a way to fix the problem.

If you decide to have an elevated bed we strongly encourage you to have Physical Plant assemble that bed for you. Personally designed and constructed lofts are not allowed. Beds can only be elevated using university equipment, or by the use of a single, horizontally laid cinder block in good condition under each leg of the bed, which is permitted only on single non-lofted beds.

If you use an elevated bed of any kind, you should be aware that you are undertaking a risk and you should use an elevated bed only for the purpose of sleeping or resting. You should always take care getting on and getting down from an elevated bed of any kind. You should also use the guard rail on any type of elevated bed.

The following guide sets forth the requirements for the use of all elevated bed structures. If you have any questions about these requirements, please let a staff person know.

Bunks and University Loft Kits

Students must have permission from the Hall Director before bunking or putting together a University Loft Kit and must sign an agreement about use of an elevated bed. Permission forms can be found at the Office of Residence Life or at your hall office.

We strongly encourage you to have Physical Plant assemble the bunk or put together the University Loft Kit.

Students must have a guardrail in the room before a bed can be bunked or elevated. A student who declines the guardrail may not have a bunked or elevated bed.

General Elevated Bed Rules

- In buildings equipped with automatic sprinklers, elevated beds must be located so as to minimize automatic sprinkler interference. For rooms with sidewall sprinklers, the bed must be located on the opposite wall from sprinkler(s). For rooms with overhead sprinklers, there must be a minimum ceiling clearance of 36 inches.
- Elevated beds and their frames must not be enclosed with fabric, plywood, or any other material.
- Elevated beds shall abut only on the short ends except when placed in an "L" shaped configuration.
- The top of the mattress can be no higher than 7 feet from the floor, regardless of ceiling height.
- Elevating a bed by any means other than a University Loft Kit or bunk is prohibited, except for the use of a single, horizontally laid cinder block in good condition under each leg of the bed, which is permitted only on single non-lofted beds. Bunk beds and loft kits may not be elevated like this or in any other manner.