

## **Rutgers University New Student Orientation Waiver and Participation Agreement**

In an effort to maintain a learning environment that is as safe as possible for all students, Rutgers University asks all orientation program attendees to acknowledge the following policies, guidelines and notices:

### **New Student Orientation Policies**

As a participant in New Student Orientation, I acknowledge and understand the following policies:

- That I will follow all Federal, State and Local laws and that infractions of these laws may result in both criminal and University-related sanctions or penalties.
- That I am expected to adhere to the University's Code of Student Conduct and policy infractions may result in sanctions including separation from the University and immediate removal from the Orientation program. I understand that the full text of the Code of Student Conduct can be accessed at [studentconduct.rutgers.edu](http://studentconduct.rutgers.edu)
- That the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited and may result in disciplinary sanctions and/or immediate removal from the Orientation program.
- That the possession and/or consumption of illegal drugs is prohibited and may result in disciplinary sanctions and/or immediate removal from the Orientation program.
- That I am expected to stay overnight in my assigned room/apartment on the night of my orientation program, if applicable.
- That guests or visitors are not permitted at any orientation program, event, or in the University residence halls during New Student Orientation.
- That smoking is prohibited in all University residence halls, buildings or within 25 feet of an entrance or exit to any structure.
- That I am responsible for the key/access cards for my assigned apartment/room during my orientation program. I understand that I should keep these items with me at all times and that failing to return these items to an orientation program staff member at the end of the program will result in a financial penalty.
- That I am responsible for any damage or missing items in my assigned University residence hall room/apartment during my orientation program. I agree to remove all personal items and/or trash from the room/apartment prior to departure and agree to use the appropriate and designated trash or recycling receptacles in the building.
- That I will adhere to the facility's Quiet Hours from Midnight to 7:00AM.
- That I will participate in all orientation program sessions and follow instructions of any University staff member or official.

### **Waiver of Liability**

As a participant in New Student Orientation, I acknowledge and understand the following:

- That I expressly warrant that I am capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of New Student Orientation.
- That participation in physical or outdoor activities are voluntary and at my own risk, provided I am physically able, and that there are risks of bodily injury or property damage caused by or resulting from slips, falls and other forms of physical harm.
- That travel to and from the site, by bus, automobile, or other forms of transportation, entails risks of bodily injury, property damage and/or death.
- That in the event that a need for emergency medical services arises, I authorize and consent to such service being provided and assume the cost thereof.
- That I assume full responsibility for my participation and engagement in any activity not scheduled by University staff.
- That I am responsible for possession of my personal belongings and Rutgers is not responsible for any lost or stolen item(s).

I expressly assume all risks associated with my participation, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time. In addition, I hereby release Rutgers University from any claim that I may have against them as a result of injury, illness, or other claim that may arise during the course of my participation. I further agree to indemnify and hold the released Parties harmless for any and all claims arising from my participating as a Volunteer in the Event. By signing up for an Orientation session, I acknowledge that there are certain risks associated with my participation in New Student Orientation including physical injury, illness, or other risks of which I and the organizers of the event may not be presently aware.

### **General University Photo Release Waiver- Optional\***

I give Rutgers permission to record my image and/or voice and grant Rutgers all rights to use these recordings and/or photographs in any medium for educational, promotional, advertising, or other purposes that support the mission of the University.

**By signing up for an orientation session, you understand and agree to all of the information, expectations, and responsibilities outlined in the above sections.**

**\*If you do not authorize the use of recordings and/or photographs, please contact New Student Orientation and Family Programs via email at [orientation@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:orientation@echo.rutgers.edu).**