



UNC CHARLOTTE
Housing and Residence Life
Loft Guidelines

In order to provide a safe alternative to the typical furniture layout, the following guidelines have been developed for student construction of loft systems in Sanford, Moore, Scott, and Holshouser Halls only. Lofts are not permitted in other residence halls.

- 1) Must be free standing (not fastened to walls or ceilings) with weight resting on floor.
- 2) Must be structurally able to safely support a student's or students' weight.
- 3) Must be designed/built in such a manner that the removal of built-in, bolted-in, and/or permanent furniture will not be required.
- 4) Because storage space is not available, University bed frames and mattresses must be incorporated into the loft. Alterations are limited to the removal of nuts and bolt only. Do not remove rivets!
- 5) Must not block doorway(s). Door(s) must be able to swing open fully and without restriction.
- 6) Must be located in such a manner as to allow repairs of heating/cooling units, windows, etc.
- 7) Must be at least 3 feet from main construction frame to the ceiling (which are 8 feet high).
- 8) Lumber must be smooth and fire retardant. To meet this code, "non-com" stamped lumber may be used or two coats of fire-retardant varnish may be applied (Save label for proof of application.) Most hardware stores have an additive to make the varnish fire retardant.
- 9) All lofts are to be inspected and approved by the Housing Facilities Office. Any deviations from the above guidelines must meet the approval of the Housing Facilities Office. Failure to seek approval and/or inspection could result in one or more of the following: confiscation/removal of loft system; and/or disciplinary action; and/or fines.
- 10) All furniture is to be replaced in its original location and condition when the residents move out.
- 11) Damages to the room or its furnishings, and/or the cost of replacement of missing furniture, will be billed to the residents of the room.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life does not recommend or suggest that residents build lofts in their rooms, and is in no way responsible for such lofts or any damages or injuries caused by their use.