

5 Shared Areas

All people living in the same apartment building share some things like stairs and hallways. Please follow the rules below so everyone can use these areas.

(1) Stairs and Hallways

There are handrails on the stairs and in hallways in many apartment buildings. These are to help older people and people who have trouble walking. For safety, please do **NOT** put anything (bicycles, motorbikes, scooters, plants, boxes, or other things) in hallways or near handrails.

(2) Water Pipes

The pipes in your kitchen sink and washing areas connect to the pipes in other apartments. If something stops the water in the pipes, this will cause large problems for you and other people living in the building. Water will go the wrong way in the pipes and come out of drains (like the hole in your kitchen sink). So, it is very important to make sure nothing stops the water in the pipes. Do **NOT** put things that stop water (like oil, hair, or hard objects) down the drain or in the pipes.

(3) Bicycle Parking Area

Always put your bicycle neatly in the Bicycle Parking Area. There is not much space, so do **NOT** put other things in the Bicycle Parking Area. If you do not use your bicycle any more, please throw it away.

(4) Meeting Room(s)

Meeting room(s) can be used for many events. Meeting rooms cannot be used for activities for the government, a religion, a political campaign, or making money. Before you use a meeting room, please ask a neighborhood association member if you can use the room and tell them why you want to use it.

(5) Elevators

Do **NOT** use the elevator if there is an emergency like a fire or earthquake. Use the stairs to leave. The elevator will stop working if you jump, throw away garbage, or put bicycles and motorcycles in the elevator. If the elevator stops working, people in the elevator may not be able to exit. For your safety, do **NOT** take bicycles or motorcycles with you in the elevator.