

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY
LOFT POLICY

Lofts can make great additions to any room by providing a personal touch that can make a room feel more like home. However, there are several important things to keep in mind in the construction and installation of a loft.

1. Safety First. Before design, appearance, and practicality, a loft must be safe. There should be plenty of support built into the loft, so that it will be safely used without support from any walls or furniture.
2. Lofts must fit into the existing structure of a room. Residents will not be able to build extra walls, partitions, etc, in their rooms; lofts must conform to the existing design.
3. Treated lumber (i.e., sanded and varnished) is the only material residents can use to construct lofts; rough (un-sanded) and/or untreated (unvarnished) wood cannot be used, nor can any other materials such as metals or plastics.
4. A loft design must conform to the following standards:
 - a. All parts must be at least 18 inches away from any lighting or heating fixtures.
 - b. Lofts must be at least 6 inches away from walls.
 - c. Windows and doors must remain free from obstructions.
 - d. Each loft must contain built in access to the loft. Furniture cannot be used as a means to access lofts.
 - e. The only bed frames that can be used in lofts are those supplied by Finlandia University; waterbeds or other beds may not be incorporated into a loft design.
 - f. Lofts cannot be wired for electricity. No outlets or electrical appliances may be installed as a part of a loft.
 - g. A loft should not cause any amount of damage to a room. Holes in the walls, floor or ceiling, scratches on any surface, damage to furniture or any other damages will be assessed and billed to the account(s) of the loft owner(s).
5. No tools will be loaned out by the maintenance staff for the construction or disassembly of a loft. If it is necessary for maintenance to remove a loft at any time during or after the school year, a fine will be assessed and billed to the account(s) of the loft owner(s)

All lofts must be inspected and approved by the Coordinator of Residential Life upon being fully assembled. If the loft should not meet the standards set forth in the loft policy, the Coordinator of Residential Life will ask that it be improved to meet the standards. In the event the loft cannot be improved to meet the standards set forth, the resident will be asked to remove the loft. If you have any questions regarding our loft policy please feel free to contact Leann Fogle, Coordinator of Residential Life at (906) 487-7276.