## **OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING POLICY**



To assist students in their selection of off-campus housing, RUSVM maintains a "Ross Reviewed" off campus housing list. Listed properties are offered for your consideration for the following reasons:

- 1. Properties have been inspected by RUSVM security and housing personnel and meet our minimum guidelines for safety and security. These include, but are not limited to, security bars on windows and doors, outdoor lighting, and security cameras. The complete guidelines for Ross-reviewed properties can be viewed by contacting the RUSVM housing department.
- 2. Properties are located within RUSVM security "patrol zones" as well as being located within a short travel distance of RUSVM security in case of an emergency.
- 3. Property landlords have proven themselves to be responsive to tenant's needs and fair in management of the rental process.

Listed properties are reviewed at least once every two years to assure compliance with RUSVM guidelines. Listings and landlords that do not appear on the website have either not been reviewed or have been denied listing for non-compliance with the minimum standards and may present added risks, such as being located outside the RUSVM security patrol zones.

RUSVM encourages students to select housing from the recommended list. At the same time, students are responsible for diligently evaluating any potential properties, landlords, and roommates thoroughly. There are other sources of information available about island housing, including rental management agencies, other websites, and recommendations of RUSVM students.

To assure RUSVM can be as responsive as possible to student safety, regardless of where students choose to live, having accurate local address information on all students is critical. Students are required to submit their local address to RUSVM and to proactively inform the University of any change of address. This assures accurate information on all students in case of an emergency or natural disaster.

Please note that complications that may arise between students and landlords, whether listed on the site or not, or between roommates in regards to living arrangements, are the sole responsibility of the students involved.

Questions about this policy should be directed to the RUSVM housing department.