

## Helpful Hints to Help Families Navigate the First Year Residence Hall Check-In Process

Before arriving on campus...

- Encourage your student to reach out to his/her roommate(s) to avoid duplicating items that can be shared by everyone in the room.
- Make sure your student has reviewed the list of prohibited items <http://www.wesleyan.edu/firesafety/guidelines.html> to avoid packing them, only to bring them back home.
- Carefully label all boxes/bags/suitcases etc. with your student's name, building and assigned room number.
- Consider packing items in smaller containers to alleviate the struggle of moving large boxes. Only two of our first year residences, Clark and Bennet Hall, have elevators; they each only have one to serve the entire building.
- If you anticipate that accessibility issues may impede your ability to move your student in, please call the Office of Residential Life beforehand at 860-685-3550 to explore options that may be available.

Upon your arrival at Wes...

- Public Safety and Orientation staff will be present to direct you where you can unload. The driver should remain in the vehicle, once your car is emptied you will be asked to move it to an exterior campus lot to provide room for other families to unload.
- Residence Hall staff, athletes and other Wesleyan volunteers will be available to watch your items and help you find your room. While some volunteers may be able to assist you in bringing a few items to your room, please keep in mind that they are students and volunteers, and will not be able to move in all of your items.
- Valuable, breakable and/or sentimental items should be transported by students and/or their family members.

Other things to consider...

- You may find yourself walking across campus, navigating stairwells, and dealing with whatever elements Mother Nature decides for the day. Please wear comfortable attire.
- Rooms should be clean upon your arrival. Since students are responsible for keeping their rooms clean during the year, consider packing a few cleaning items.
- Pack a tool kit in the car if any of your student's belongings will require assembly upon arrival.
- Students are not permitted to put holes in their walls; please purchase an adhesive that will not damage walls, such as Command Strips.
- We certainly understand that pets are integral members of many of our families, but please leave them home. Animals are not allowed in campus buildings, and may not respond well to the chaos of a new environment.