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## **DAMAGES IN HOMESTAY**

The Homestay Coordinator will assess each situation to determine if the student is responsible for damages that occurred while the student was living in the home.

Prior to the student reimbursing the host family for damages when the student is deemed responsible, the host family must:

- 1) Immediately report damages to the Homestay Coordinator.
- 2) Provide photos of the damages.
- 3) a. If damages are minimal (under \$100), the host family must provide an itemized receipt to the College, indicating the replacement/repair costs.
- b. If damages are substantial, the host family must provide the college with two quotes from licensed companies, indicating the dollar amount for repairs.

Damages could include, but are not limited to the following items/events: plumbing, replacement of or re-keying home locks, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, bedroom furnishings, bedding, mattresses, house-hold appliances, and flooding.

All repairs must be preapproved by the Homestay Coordinator

Carpet cleaning or repainting of the room would normally not be considered "damages," unless it is well beyond what would normally be expected. Such a decision will be made by the Homestay Coordinator.