



Roommate Agreement

Sharing an apartment with others can be a one of the most rewarding aspects of your college experience. The opportunity for getting to know others who may have different backgrounds or different ideas provides a tremendous personal learning experience. Since there is always an initial adjustment period in new living arrangements, this Roommate Agreement is designed to provide you and your roommates with a starting point in establishing or reviewing common expectations and norms for behavior in your apartment.

Rights of Roommates

Each roommate possesses the following rights. Conversely, each roommate should ensure that he or she is the type of roommate who helps to ensure that these rights exist.

1. The rights to read, study, socialize and sleep in the apartment.
2. The right to enter the apartment whenever one would like unless other provisions are agreed upon by all parties.
3. The right to be free of physical and emotional harassment.
4. The right to speak openly.
5. The right to be treated considerately and thoughtfully.
6. The right to address problems and concerns in a mature manner.

Topics For Discussion

Cleanliness / Cleaning Supplies / Cleaning Responsibilities

- Which areas/rooms need cleaning? How Often? Who does what?
- How often will we take out the trash/recycling?
- How do we want to organize doing dishes?
- At what temperature will we keep the apartment?
- What expectations do we have for leaving personal items in common areas?

Personal Possessions

- What items are okay to share? What's not okay to borrow without asking?

Y = yes, N = no, or AF = ask first.

- Television _____
- Stereo _____
- Food/cookware _____
- Books/notes _____
- Magazines _____
- Computer _____
- Music _____

- Clothes _____
- Musical Instruments _____
- Video Games _____
- Movies _____
- Toiletries/Towels _____
- Desk items _____

Other items:

Shared Costs

- Do we have joint expenses? If so, what are those joint expenses?
- How do we plan to manage these expenses?

Noise / Study / Sleep time

- What constitutes noise?
- What are the times that all roommates can expect to have quiet time free from distractions for studying?
- Would it be useful to have quiet hours and if so, what hours are mutually agreeable to all?

Guests/Visitors/Room Use

- Overnight guests –platonic and romantic
 - How often can someone stay and for how long?
- If someone is away for the weekend, can a guest use the open bed?

Communication

- How do we communicate with one another? Where do we leave messages?
- How will we communicate issues or concerns when they come up?

Smoking / Drinking / Drugs

- What are the preferences of each roommate about what is or isn't allowed in the apartment?

Parties / Entertaining

- What are the ground rules for advance notice, frequency, maximum number of guests, parties on school nights, clean up?

Other – Unresolved issues will be discussed and negotiated in the following manner:

We, the undersigned, agree to the above stated items.

Tenant _____

Date _____

Tenant _____

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