

LIVING WITH ROOMMATES

Living with roommates can be a positive and affordable housing option, but it is a shared commitment. Before moving in together, make sure you feel comfortable with your potential roommates and confident that your lifestyles are compatible.

Below are some helpful tips to reduce misunderstandings and avoid conflicts.

Choosing the Right Roommates

Before agreeing to live together, consider the following:

- Do you share similar values around cleanliness, noise, and respect?
- Do your lifestyles align (sleep schedules, work/study routines, social habits)?
- Are expectations around guests, parties, and quiet time similar?
- Is everyone financially reliable and able to pay rent and bills on time?

Being a responsible roommate

A positive shared living experience depends on mutual respect and accountability.

- Keep shared spaces clean and tidy
- Respect your roommates' privacy and personal space
- Clearly communicate your own privacy needs
- Clean up after yourself, especially when you have guests
- Be mindful of noise, particularly during late evenings or early mornings

Example: *If a roommate is studying, working from home, or needs to wake up early the next*

day, be respectful and adjust your noise and activities accordingly.

Important Topics to Discuss Before Moving In

Having clear agreements upfront helps prevent future conflict.

- How will rent be divided?
- How will utilities and internet bills be paid and split?
- What are the expectations for shared spaces (kitchen, bathroom, living room)?
- How will household chores be assigned and managed?
- Will regular roommate check-ins or meetings be helpful?
- Are there any house rules (guests, quiet hours, shared items)?
- Is a written roommate agreement necessary?

Tip: Putting agreements into writing, even informally, can help everyone stay accountable and reduce misunderstandings later.



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✓ Compatibility



✓ Responsibility



✓ Privacy



✓ Discuss First



Compatibility



Privacy



Bills



Use for extra hours