



Housemate Agreement

Take some time in these first few weeks of school to address the topics below. Even if you think you “know” your housemates, you can find yourself in trouble if you assume their response to any of the following. Create an opportunity to discuss these before they become issues. Be clear with each other about personal boundaries, preferences, etc. This can be your first step in creating an atmosphere of respect, trust and honesty. Use this as a dynamic base from which to work and look back on, revise, change, etc. Be sure to revisit this as the year progresses.

Discuss and write down each others ideas on the following topics:

1. Academic/study habits _____

2. Academic goals for the year? _____

3. Privacy and overnight guests _____

4. Decorating _____

5. Cleanliness or cleaning schedules _____

6. Alcohol _____

7. Socializing or party habits _____

8. Noise? Volume of stereo? Different tastes in music? _____

9. How will you address problems with each other? _____

10. Phone messages _____

- 11. Damages to house _____

- 12. Bills _____

- 13. Borrowing each other's possessions (ie. clothing, cds, movies, etc.) _____

- 14. Sleeping habits _____

- 15. Refrigerator _____

- 16. Other _____

	Name	Signature	Date
Tenant 1			
Tenant 2			
Tenant 3			
Tenant 4			
Tenant 5			
Tenant 6			

It is not always necessary or possible to be best friends with your housemate, but it is important to maintain effective communication when it comes to issues of mutual concern (i.e. bills, phone messages etc.). A common mistake is to fail to communicate when one person is angry with another. Mutual respect for each other's differences is important for a successful year. Respect your housemate(s) right to information, and try to work out problems as they occur. Don't stockpile thirty incidents and wait for the thirty-first to address your roommate. Communicate honestly and frequently to work out the problems.

If your house is not a "home" and your housemate relationship is getting in the way of your schoolwork or other aspects of your life, contact Off-Campus Housing Services for advice, information or mediation between yourself and your housemates.

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