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What is a roommate agreement?

Living in residence leads to a lifetime of memories and friendships, but it is often the first time that people experience sharing a living space. Roommate agreements are created to ensure that roommates understand the expectations of living together. Developing a roommate agreement allows roommates to ask specific questions, set the tone for the term or year, and encourages honesty between roommates. It also allows roommates to have a document, in writing, which they can refer to if an issue arises. **It is recommended that you share your roommate contract with your Don so that they can help mediate any conversations between roommates in the future.**

Remember, there's a place for everybody in residence. By living in residence, you are helping to build a successful community. Success in residence means co-operation, consideration, compromise, and respect.

Roommate agreement terms

Discuss the following topics with your roommates. Figure out what expectations you would like to set when it comes to the questions below. **You can print this at the Front Desk of your residence building, or you can download and fill out a copy on your laptop. Every roommate should fill in their responses to the sections below.**

Try to stick to the following two guidelines: be honest and be respectful.

sleeping hours

* When do you typically go to bed and wake up?
* How about having a light on while the other roommate is asleep?
* When will be an appropriate time to always allow the other to sleep?

Sharing food

* May roommates borrow food from one another?
* If so, how soon should it be replaced and how should it be paid for?

SHARING ITEMS

* What about sharing and borrowing personal items such as clothes, bathroom supplies, or kitchen supplies?
* Are items such as stereos, TVs or clothes off limits or for mutual use?
* Is permission required for all items or just certain ones?

NOISE LEVELS

* What's your definition of noise? What's loud and what isn't?
* What kind of music do you like to listen to?
* At what times should noise be minimized so others may study or sleep?
* Is absolute quiet needed in order to study?

guests

* How often may guests come and how long may guests stay?
* How do you feel about an overnight guest? How shall we give notice before overnight guests? Where do guests sleep?
* Is there a difference between guests and significant others staying the night?
* How often may they stay? (Please recall that the Waterloo Residences guest policy indicates that guests can visit for a maximum of 48 hours.)

SMOKING AND DRINKING

* How do you feel about your roommate returning home after smoking or drinking/partying?
* What are your boundaries with these substances?

cleanliness

* What are your standards of cleanliness?
* How clean should shared space be kept?
* Will you establish a cleaning rotation?

COMMUNICATION

* What is the best way to approach you if an issue comes up?
* How will you react if I approach you with a concern or problem?

OTHER TOPICS…

* What other areas do you want to discuss with your roommates?

AGREEMENT

I have read, discussed, and agreed to abide by the standards set here, and I will strive to practice respect for my roommate(s).

**SIGNED AND DATED:**   
(All roommates write their names, sign their names, and date this form in the space below)

Name Signature Date

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Don Name Signature Date