» ROOMMATE AGREEMENT FORM

Roommate agreements are created to ensure that roommates understand the expectations of living together. Developing a roommate agreement allows roommates to ask specific questions and encourages honesty between roommates. It also allows roommates to have a written document to reference if an issue arises. Remember, there is 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.

1. Discuss what you are looking forward to this year.
2. Discuss ground rules for having this conversation, choose a time when everyone can sit down and talk.
3. Use the following page to discuss your expectations and achieve compromise for sharing living space.

» PURPOSE OF MEETING

**Name** and **Name** have each met with **Residence Life Staff Member (e.g. Don, Team Leader, or RLC)** **Name** to discuss their challenges with the roommate situation. At this point, neither roommate has demonstrated cause for a mandatory relocation. The purpose of this meeting is to establish clear, transparent, and firm guidelines of acceptable behaviour between the two roommates. If both roommates cannot agree to the terms within this contract, you must indicate immediately and we will facilitate a relocation for one person to another space in residence within 24 hours.

» OUR SUITE PLEDGE

**Name** and **Name** agree to the following statements for the duration of their stay in residence, until **Date**. **If at any point, either person violates the following statements, Name** or **Name are required to tell each other (using the communication guidelines below) which contract statements have been violated, and are required to attempt a resolution.** If the roommates cannot come to a resolution, the roommates are encouraged to contact Residence Life for assistance in mediation, or other authorities including UW Police (519-888-4911). A safe and comfortable living environment to us means…

“While living in this space together, we will…”

COVID-19

How familiar are you with local Public Health policies and guidelines? How do we adopt these guidelines in our shared living space? (for example, social bubbles, screening, and self-assessment?)

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?

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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