

OVERVIEW

Successful roommate relationships depend on understanding different lifestyles and respecting the rights of others. Building relationships takes time, patience, and compromises along the way. The key to living with others is communication. Even when it's uncomfortable, roommates must be willing to talk to each other. As adults, the residents of Walk2Campus are responsible for working through their own roommate issues. Walk2Campus will make every attempt to help by providing tips for living with others, a Roommate Agreement template, and in certain cases some mediation. However, Walk2Campus is not responsible for helping roommates get along.

LEASE TERMS

"The Resident acknowledges that whether or not the Roommates have been selected by the Owner or Resident, the Owner is not responsible or liable for any claims, damages, or actions of any nature whatsoever relating to, arising out of, or connected with the disputes between Resident and Roommates or between Roommates."

POLICY

- Walk2Campus will provide each apartment with a Roommate Agreement template.
- Roommates must bring the completed and signed Roommate Agreement to the office.
- Walk2Campus will not mediate any roommate conflicts, or discuss any roommate issues with a resident if the completed Roommate Agreement has not been submitted to the office.
- Walk2Campus will try to mediate when possible, but ultimately the responsibility to work out issues between roommates belongs to the residents – not Walk2Campus.
- If roommate conflicts cannot be resolved, Walk2Campus will not release any resident from his or her lease obligation – even if a resident decides to move out due to roommate issues.
- In some cases, a resident may be permitted to transfer to a different apartment for a transfer fee of \$150, but this is not always an option and is entirely at the discretion of Walk2Campus.

The key to living with roommates is honest, open, and respectful communication. The following agreement is designed for roommates to discuss potential problem areas, and hopefully lessen or eliminate the possibility of a future conflict. It's also designed to help roommates get to know one another, and the best methods for handling any disagreements, should they arise.

Please return your completed Roommate Agreement to the leasing office.

SECURITY	
When will we lock the apartment?	
Will our guests be allowed in the apartment when we are not present?	
GUESTS	
Are overnight guests allowed?	
How often can a roommate have overnight guests?	
Should roommates be notified before someone has an overnight guest?	
CLEANLINESS	
What does a "clean" apartment mean to you?	
Who is responsible for keeping the apartment clean?	
How often will the apartment be cleaned?	

How often will the trash be taken out?	
Should dishes be washed or put in the dishwasher immediately after use?	
SHARED BELONGINGS	
Will we share use of the TV in the common area?	
Will we share food?	
Will we share personal care items?	
Will any other items in the apartment be shared?	
OTHER	
What is an acceptable temperature range for the apartment?	
What are some pet peeves that roommates agree to avoid?	
CONFLICT	
How will we address conflict or disagreements between roommates and/or guests?	
How will we handle violations of this roommate agreement?	
What is a fair consequence for someone who consistently violates the roommate agreement?	

ROOMMATE CONSENT

Our signatures below indicate that we have discussed this agreement and agree to abide by our mutual decisions. We understand that we are responsible for:

- Our actions and the actions of our guests
- Maintaining a safe and clean environment
- Treating each other and our belongings with respect
- Resolving conflicts in a mature and proactive manner

APARTMENT NUMBER	
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ROOMMATE NAME (PRINT)	ROOMMATE NAME (SIGN)

PET PEEVES! Discuss the following scenarios, and check off the things that would bug you:

<p>A significant other wants to spend the night.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Someone eats your food.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Someone borrows your clothes without asking.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Someone borrows money, and takes forever to pay you back.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Guests are always hanging out at our apartment.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Someone stays up late at night talking loudly or watching TV.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Someone else's alarm clock wakes you up in the morning.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No one ever takes out the trash and recycling.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>A messy or dirty apartment.</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CHECK HERE » <input type="checkbox"/></p>



TIPS FOR ADDRESSING ISSUES WITH YOUR ROOMMATE:

- Be clear about your expectations from the beginning.
- Address problems while they're still little.
- Approach your roommate in private and in person (no passive aggressive social media posts).
- Be direct. Discuss specific behaviors, rather than personality traits.
- Be patient and listen – there are two sides to every story.
- Be respectful of your roommate's feelings, time, and belongings.
- Put yourself in your roommate's shoes – how would you feel if someone asked you to change something about your own habits or behavior?
- Be willing to compromise. The solution may not be your ideal scenario, but it should be an improvement on the current state of things.
- Keep your sense of humor and try to enjoy the roommate experience.
- **FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE:** Treat your roommate like you'd like to be treated.