

Roommate Connections

The Roommate's Bill of Rights & Responsibilities

Sharing a room involves several different things. First of all, it is important to respect the rights of others, especially your roommate. At the same time, it is necessary to protect your own rights, too. Fulfilling your roommate responsibilities requires respect, compromise and communication. These rights and responsibilities go hand in hand; you can't have one without the other! This declaration outlines basic rights and responsibilities that will help healthy roommate relationships develop.

All Roommates Have the Right:

1. To privacy
2. To respect
3. To open communication
4. To mutually clean living quarters
5. To personal safety and security of possessions
6. To comfortable sleep and study conditions
7. To be asked before their possessions are used
8. To stay true to their own values
9. To agree to disagree
10. To ask residence life staff for assistance when needed
11. To be treated civilly
12. To comfortable living space
13. To get their messages in a timely manner
14. To a room free of policy violations

All Roommates Have the Responsibility:

1. To respect one another's privacy
2. To respect themselves and others
3. To communicate openly with their roommate and discuss potential conflicts before they get out of hand
4. To keep their living space neat and clean
5. To lock doors and maintain personal/possession safety
6. To maintain a comfortable environment for sleep and study purposes
7. To treat one another's possessions with care and to ask before borrowing personal items
8. To respect differences
9. To compromise
10. To enlist the help of residence life staff when a difficult roommate issue arises
11. To be kind and civil with no intent to harm
12. To check with one another before having overnight guests
13. To pass on messages to their roommate in a timely manner
14. To abide by all residence hall rules and regulations