

Thinking About a Roommate?



Consider a Roommate Agreement



It might be a good idea to have a roommate agreement in place to assist in avoiding issues over money, sharing and privacy.



Money

- All roommates should sign the lease.
- Collect the deposit from each roommate before signing the lease.
- Determine when rent is due and how to pay – one check or multiple.
- Determine who will pay the landlord and when – set a date.
- Protect your credit by paying rent on time.
- Decide how much notice must be given if a roommate decides to move out.
- Determine whether the departing tenant will find a mutually acceptable substitute.



Sharing

- Take care of the space so you will receive the security deposit back when you move out.
- Decide how to share/split the utility and cable bills.
- Determine how household chores will be divided and when chores will be completed.
- Discuss whether food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and household goods will be shared.
- Determine whether pets will be allowed.
- Obtain renter's insurance.
- Discuss whether drinking and/or smoking are allowed.



Privacy

- Discuss all tenant's needs for privacy.
- Determine security needs and who can have keys.
- Decide on safety precautions.
- Decide who will occupy each bedroom.
- Agree on designated quiet times or quiet space.
- Set guidelines for visitors and guests.

Find Roommate Agreements Online to Get Started

For more information on specific Tenant Rights, Laws, and Protections in the state visit:

www.hud.gov

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