



Office Of Residence Life: Roommate Agreement

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Dear Lehigh Resident,

Living in a residence hall can be one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences that will occur during your college years. It is also a learning environment where you are stretched outside of your comfort zone to have difficult conversations and compromise with your roommate(s).

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the process of getting to know your roommate(s) and establishing guidelines to maintain open communication. In addition, the roommate agreement creates a mutual understanding for how you and your roommates(s) will live in your room, apartment, or suite. Taking the time to address your expectations for topics that may cause disagreements, such as cleanliness, study habits, and visitors, will assist you later in the academic year as concerns may arise.

Please take the time to thoroughly complete and discuss this roommate agreement. You and your roommate(s) will have an opportunity to discuss your habits, interest and needs. The goal of this agreement is to work together to create an inviting and inclusive environment in which all parties can feel comfortable and safe.

There are many important issues discussed throughout this document. It is imperative that all participating parties completing this document agree to listen respectfully, attentively and openly to each other's needs. Please note that all Residence Hall policies were acknowledged when creating this agreement. In addition, agreements noted here do not replace or override Residence Hall policies, the General Provisions of Occupancy, or the Lehigh University Student Code of Conduct.

Please feel free to contact your Gryphon or Assistant Director of Residence Life if you need any assistance with completing this document or if you would like to revise a portion of this document after it has been completed.

Sincerely,
The Office of Residence Life

Golden Rules:

- Treat your roommate(s) with courtesy, understanding and consideration.
- Respect your roommate(s) as people.
- Be honest about your needs
- Share your concerns early
- Be willing to compromise

Rights and Responsibilities:

- The right to study and sleep without interference
- The right to know your belongings and privacy will be respected.
- The right to live in a clean living environment
- The right to respectfully and openly discuss disagreements.
- The right to host guests in line with the GPO.

Available Resources:

- **Gryphons:** are the first line of assistance for residents when there is a roommate disagreement. They are responsible for facilitating difficult conversations between roommates. If the Gryphon is unable to assist in the mediation process they will bring the conflict to the attention of the Assistant Director.
- **Assistant Directors:** are supervisors of the residence hall to assist students in creating an environment for an open dialogue to discuss roommate disagreements and differences.



