

ROOMMATE AGREEMENT Guidelines for Implementation

The Roommate Agreement on the reverse side of this page is designed to help you live successfully with your roommate(s). Investing some time and effort into discussing these topics now will assist each of you in developing a comfortable, academically successful, and positive living environment.

Please discuss each topic listed. Some of these topics are simply a personal preference regarding one's habits and environment, whereas other topics require an agreement between the roommates. For example:

- Preference
 - Room Environment
 - Use of Personal Belongings
- Agreement
 - Homework and Studying
 - Quiet Hours and Sleeping
 - Care of our Space
- Combination of Preference and Agreement
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Security of Space
 - Same Sex Guests
 - Opposite Sex Guests

Keep in mind the following while discussing the topics:

- Be **sensitive** to differences.
- Your room is a **shared** space.
- Be **honest** and **flexible** with each other.
- Express your **views** and **feelings** as they are important for **healthy communication** between roommates.

If you require additional space for preferences and/or agreements or to address topics not covered by the Roommate Agreement, please attach a supplementary sheet of paper.

All individuals assigned to a particular space should be present when completing the Roommate Agreement. If necessary, a Community Assistant can help facilitate the discussion or provide clarification for the various topics.

Once the Roommate Agreement has been thoroughly completed, please submit it to your respective Community Assistant. S/he will then sign the form, retain the original copy (white sheet) to be kept on file, and provide you and your roommate(s) with a copy (pink and yellow sheets).

If at any time a new issue arises or a revision to the original Roommate Agreement is needed, please notify your Community Assistant.

Please take into consideration the following policies outlined in *The On-Campus Housing Contract* while completing this agreement.

Visit <http://reslife.uconn.edu> for the full version of this contract.

- **14. Damages and Upkeep of Facilities**
 - D. The Resident assumes responsibility for the daily care and cleaning of his/her room/apartment and its furnishings, and for maintaining acceptable sanitation and safety conditions. Periodic cleanliness inspections will be made. He/she also agrees to use all public areas in a mature and responsible manner and to help in assuring safety and cleanliness.
- **18K. Guests:** Policies and procedures for guests are provided to ensure consideration of individual resident students and community needs, as well as the general safety and well-being for all concerned. In all residential facilities, guest must be escorted through the building in order to ensure the right to a reasonable degree of privacy for each resident. Residents are responsible for the conduct of and adherence to policies by any guests or visitors. Inappropriate behavior and damage caused by guests becomes the responsibility of the host resident. No more than two (2) guests per resident are permitted in a student room/suite at any given time. Residents inviting guests should consult with his/her roommates. Access to restroom facilities is limited to persons of the same sex residing on the floor served by the facilities. Guests of the opposite sex are required to use authorized facilities that are located on the respective floors or in public areas. Guests must be able to provide a form of picture I.D. and shall not be left in the room unattended. To protect or promote the health and safety of The Residents and the property of the University, Residential Life may sue its discretion at certain times throughout the Contract term to reduce or eliminate The Resident's privilege to have guests. During special events/periods of time, the University may further limit the number of guests allowed in the on-campus residential facilities.
 - K.3. Overnight Guests: Residents are permitted to have overnight guests in University-owned housing. No resident student will be allowed more than two overnight guests at one time. Any overnight guest requires the approval of the roommate(s). No guest may stay more than three (3) consecutive days without the permission of the roommate and the Hall Director or Community Director. No individual may stay as a guest in University-owned housing for more than 15 days total in a given semester. Guests must be registered with the staff to obtain an overnight guest pass, which must be carried at all times when visiting. Residents must accompany his/her guest, and guest must provide a valid photo I.D./guest pass to the staff upon request. Persons who have been removed from University-owned housing for any reason may not return as guests following their removal.
- **18Q. Quiet/Courtesy Hours**
 - Q.1. Residents are expected to be considerate of their neighbors during all hours of the day and courtesy hours are to be observed at all times.
 - Q.2. Residents must observe posted quiet hours both inside and outside of on-campus housing. Minimally, there are University-wide quiet hours from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am Sunday to Thursday and from 12:00 am to 7:00 am Friday and Saturday.
 - Q.3. During all exam periods, 24-hour quiet hours will be in effect.
- **18R. Safety and Security:** Safety and security is a shared responsibility of the University staff and residents. All areas are secured no later than 10:00 pm (some are secured 24-hours a day). Residents who exit by locked exterior doors are responsible for leaving the doors in a locked position. For reasons of safety and security, resident should not leave their room doors unlocked, lend keys, share combinations, etc. Given the risk to the overall community, residents are not to engage in any "propping" of doors; such violations will be treated seriously. Residents should always carry their University Identification Card (I.D.) and room keys and may be required to use it to gain access.