

## Off-Campus Student Roommate Bill of Rights

This document is intended to serve as a format for an agreement between roommates. This is to ensure that each individual's rights are respected. Your enjoyment of apartment life will depend to a large extent on the thoughtful consideration you demonstrate for each other. You should work with your roommate's in deciding the stipulations of this agreement. *Please initial your answers instead of using just a check-mark as there may be different preferences.*

### Housekeeping:

How will we delegate the cleaning of common areas (living room, bathroom, kitchen)

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Assign a person for each
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Alternate (weekly or bi-weekly)
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Other

\_\_\_\_\_ Is it okay to pick up each other's mail? Put it in the following place \_\_\_\_\_

### Household Shopping:

How will we manage the purchase of groceries/household items

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. We will alternate (monthly or bi-weekly)
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. We will purchase our own food/items individually.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. We will all contribute (money) equally (monthly or bi-weekly) to a food/household items budget. If so how much \_\_\_\_\_.

### You may use these items.

	Yes	No	Ask First
TV			
Appliances (blow dryer, flat irons, coffeemaker etc.)			
Video games			
Sports Equipment			
Food			
Personal Items			
Other: _____			
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### We will deal with visitors in the following ways:

- \_\_\_\_\_ How many at a time (day or night)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Times for visitors: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Peeves:** It really bothers me when

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**Communication Skills**

Consistent communication between roommates is essential to the longevity of the apartment experience. Agreeing upon the following situations will be ok.

We will leave messages for each other in the following way (s).

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We will resolve conflicts with one another by:

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We will handle violations of terms of this contract by (How will this be communicated?):

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**Conflict Resolution**

Should we at any time disagree on any roommate concerns, we will resolve our difference in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect. If necessary, we further agree to involve ISU's Community Rights and Responsibilities if we cannot successfully work through our issues. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

We the below named roommates agree to the following terms of this contract. We understand that we have mutually agreed upon these terms and that sticking to these terms will encourage more cooperation between and among us. We also acknowledge that not all of these terms will be met right away, but we agree to work toward this end. If we find that the original terms of this contract are not working for us, we will renegotiate the terms and if we are unable to come to a mutual agreement, we will seek assistance from Community Rights and Responsibility (an extension of the Dean of Students Office) for mediation.

Signatures:

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