

ROOMMATE SUCCESS KIT

PART 1: INDIVIDUAL SECTION

Instructions: The purpose of this Roommate Success Kit is to facilitate the discussion between roommates on how you will live together. Once all roommates have finished the Individual Section, use its information to guide your discussion on the presented topics and complete the roommates section together. Use this as a starting point to continue the conversation about personal preferences and living spaces throughout your time living together.

Sleep

1. On the weekdays, I generally go to bed:
 - a. Before 10pm
 - b. Between 10pm and midnight
 - c. After midnight
2. On the weekends, I generally go to bed:
 - a. Before 10pm
 - b. Between 10pm and midnight
 - c. After midnight
3. On the weekdays, I generally wake up:
 - a. Before 8am
 - b. Between 8am and 10am
 - c. After 10am
4. On the weekends, I generally wake up:
 - a. Before 8am
 - b. Between 8am and 10am
 - c. After 10am
5. While I sleep:
 - a. I prefer the room to be:
Completely Dark Moderately light Brightly lit
 - b. Computer/TV/media are: On Off
 - c. Phone use is: OK not OK OK on vibrate
 - d. I prefer the temperature to be: Warm Cool
 - e. Fans are: On Off

Studying

6. When I study in the room, it will generally be:
 - a. In the morning
 - b. In the afternoon
 - c. In the evening
 - d. On the weekends
 - e. Other: _____
7. When I study, I prefer:
 - a. Complete silence
 - b. To have music/TV on
 - c. To use headphones
 - e. To be alone
 - f. To be outside the room
 - g. To be inside the room
8. During midterms, finals, or stressful academic time periods, I would like to:
 - a. Have special rules such as: _____
 - b. Change the quiet/sleeping time: _____
 - c. Change the guest agreements: _____
 - d. Change the noise/lights agreements: _____

Use of Room

9. If someone comes to the room when I am not there and asks to use or borrow something that belongs to me, I would prefer my roommate:
 - a. Lend it out without asking
 - b. Ask me first
 - c. Never lend anything of mine out
10. When we are home, the door is:
 - a. Always locked*
 - b. Sometimes locked
 - c. Never locked

***We strongly recommend that doors are always locked**
11. When I'm not in the room, I will (check all that apply):
 - a. Make sure the door is locked
 - b. Make sure the window is locked
 - c. Make sure the lights are turned off
 - d. Make sure the blinds are closed

Cleanliness

12. My side of the room will be neat and orderly:
 - a. Always
 - b. Sometimes
 - c. Never
13. I like the room to be:
 - a. Neat/orderly and organized
 - b. Comfortable and lived in
 - c. Messy and disorganized
14. How frequently will I clean my side of the room?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Bi-weekly
 - c. Weekly
 - d. Monthly
15. How frequently will the entire room or apartment get cleaned?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Bi-weekly
 - c. Weekly
 - d. Monthly
16. Cleaning includes (check all that apply):
 - a. Dusting/sweeping
 - b. Vacuuming
 - c. Laundry
 - d. Emptying trash
 - e. Bathroom (if applicable)
 - f. Kitchen/common spaces

Other: _____

Guests

17. Guests may be in the room during:

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| a. Study times: | always | sometimes | never |
| b. Sleep times: | always | sometimes | never |
| c. Other times guests are not allowed: | | | |

18. Overnight guests may stay:

- a. Weekends only
- b. Weekdays
- c. Other: _____

19. How much notice do I prefer my roommate to give when they would like to host guests overnight?

Safety Information

All policies: <https://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/residential/>

Doors should be locked even when rooms and apartments are left for only a few minutes. Valuables should not be left where they can be easily stolen, and should be taken home during vacations and recess periods. Common sense—more than anything else—determines safety.

Guest Policy Information

Full policy: <https://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/residential/>

- Guests are only permitted with the consent of a resident's roommate(s). Students are expected to communicate with each other to work out arrangements for guests within a shared room, suite, or apartment.
- A guest is an individual who is not assigned to said resident's room, suite, or apartment. A resident host is a resident student who signs a guest into the residence to which they are assigned. An overnight guest is a guest who visits between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m.(or any fraction thereof).
- A resident may have no more than three (3) guests at a time, and guests may stay in a room, suite, or apartment no more than three consecutive nights
- At all times, residents are responsible for the conduct and activity of their guests, including any damage caused to University property and violations of policies for student residences.
- No overnight guests are permitted during the first two weeks of the academic year, and during study and final examination periods.