

Rhode Island College Roommate & Suitemate Agreement

Building & Room Number: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____
(Roommate One) (Roommate Two) (Roommate Three)

This document is provided as an opportunity for you to discuss with your roommate(s) and/or suitemate(s) some common issues related to residence hall living. Effective communication is essential for a positive working relationship with your roommates/suitemates. It is the belief that future problems can be diverted if agreements on these potential conflict areas can be reached early in the term. To facilitate this process, please use this document in the following manner:

1. Respond to each question by yourself, indicating your preference for each item (where appropriate)
2. Examine and discuss the differences with your roommates/suitemates
3. Discuss the areas that are different among your responses, and resolve those differences now (before problems arise) in a manner that is satisfactory to everyone in the room/suite. This may involve some compromises, so please try to be as flexible as possible.

We hope that by discussing the items in this document, you and your roommates/suitemates will begin to develop the kind of relationship that is conducive to positive academic, community, and personal growth. We also hope that this process will lessen (or eliminate) the potential for future conflict, and increase communication between you and your roommates/suitemates.

It is important for roommates/suitemates to share the responsibilities that are part of the residence hall experience. Things such as cleaning the room, keeping the room secure, and access to guests are all important matters that should not be neglected. Please add specific terms or use additional paper to fit the needs of you and your roommates.

Visitation:

Are visitors allowed in the room? Yes _____ No _____ If so, how many at a time? _____
(Policy states no more than 2 guests per resident, 6 people total in a double and 9 people total in a triple)

Are visitors of the opposite sex allowed? Yes _____ No _____

When: Anytime _____ During the following hours _____

- Are your roommate's guests allowed to use your things?

- a. Bed Yes / No
- b. TV Yes / No
- c. Computer Yes / No
- d. Stereo Yes / No
- e. Other Yes / No _____

With _____ or Without permission _____

For those areas where we differ on visitation preferences, we have decided to compromise in the following manner:

Any additional comments on Visitation - Consider same sex and opposite sex guests for weekdays, weekends hours, and overnight guest. Discuss guests' behavior:

CLEANING:

We agree to share the following responsibilities *in our room*: sweeping/vacuuming, emptying trash, dusting, picking up/tidying the room, defrosting the refrigerator, etc.

We will each take care of our own space: R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

Or

We will take turns cleaning up the entire room: R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

How often will the room be cleaned? _____ R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

How often and who will take out the trash and recycling? _____

Are there particular things that any of us are allergic to (e.g., dust, latex, etc.) which should be avoided in the room?

Any additional comments on Neatness/Cleanliness: Discuss personal belongings, taking out the trash, sweeping, dishes, laundry, cleaning the bathroom.

Personal Property:

My roommates/suitemates may use these items of mine:

Roommate Initials:

a. Clothes	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
b. Stereo	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
c. TV	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
d. Computer	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
e. Furniture	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
f. Appliances	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
g. Food	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
h. Cleaning Products	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
i. Utensils	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
j. CD's/Music Account	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
k. DVD's/Movie Account	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
l. DVD Player	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
m. Gaming Console	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
n. Books	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____
o. Other _____	Y / N	___ with(or) ___ without permission	_____	_____	_____

Respecting Personal Property: Think about the stereo, clothes, food, computers, and toiletries and list other items if not on here.

Miscellaneous Items:

Hygiene: Discuss shoes, sheets and towels, personal habits, bathroom, laundry, and if applicable, the kitchen.

Social Behavior: Consider noise/music/TV volume during quiet hours and not during quiet hours, invited guests, light.

Study Time: Discuss appropriate times to have visitors, quiet time, noise level from TV and stereo, additional hours during exams.

What hours will be set aside for study time? _____

Will low background noise be allowed at these times? Yes / No _____

Sleep Time:

When do we typically go to bed on week nights? R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

What time do we want to have lights out during the week? R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

What light(s) can/not be turned on while the other person is sleeping? R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

If one person is sleeping, what activities are acceptable in the room? R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

When do we typically get up during the week? R1 _____ R2 _____ R3 _____

Additional Information about Sleep: _____

Phone Usage (If Applicable):

- We will ask our families and friends not to call before ____am / pm or after ____ am / pm.
- Phone calls outside this timeframe will be handled in the following manner:

Communication: Come up with a plan for how will you communicate when there is a concern.

Other Issues: There are some issues that will come up that are not listed on this form. When an issue arises that causes conflict among the roommates/suitemates, or if someone feel that this agreement should be modified, we will handle it in the following way:

Responsibilities: It is important for roommates/suitemates to share the responsibilities that are part of the residence hall experience. Things such as cleaning the room, keeping the room secure, showing mutual respect for each other and their roommates belongings, and shared responsibility for the suite area (if applicable) are all important matters that should not be neglected.

Security: I agree to close and lock our room door (and suite door, if applicable) whenever I leave. I also understand that by not closing and locking the room there is potential for theft and/or vandalism to occur.

We have openly discussed all issues and created guidelines for our room. We agree to follow these guidelines and re-negotiate specific items when necessary.

We, as roommates/suitemates, enter into this agreement in good faith. We fully intend to abide by all decisions and agreements that we have reached in completing this process. We agree to be flexible and to revise this agreement as it becomes necessary.

Signature: _____
(Roommate One)

Signature: _____
(Roommate Two)

Signature: _____
(Roommate Three)

Date: _____

R. A. Signature: _____