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LIVING WITH ROOMMATES

Having roommates is a big decision. It is important you are confident they are compatible with you. Below are some helpful hints to consider.

How to live with roommates and avoid conflicts:

- Make sure you share the same values
- Do they have a similar lifestyle as you?
- What is their financial situation?

Being a responsible roommate:

- Maintain cleanliness in shared spaces
- Be considerate to the other roommate's privacy
- Be clear on your privacy expectations
- Always clean up after yourself especially, if you have friends over
- Be conscientious and courteous not to disturb your roommates at specific times

For example; if your roommate is studying or needs to be up early the next day, be respectful and understand their needs.

Discuss before you move in together:

- How is rent split?
- How are bills paid and split?
- Expectations on shared spaces?
- How will chores be assigned?
- Are monthly meetings necessary?
- Determine any rules beforehand
- Is a roommate agreement necessary?

