

## House Agreement

**NB:** The following agreement is meant to *supplement* the Residence Community Living Standards (RCLS) as set by Student Housing Services. Please consult the RCLS while filling out this agreement to ensure that you are not in violation of SHS policy.

**Please! I need quiet!**

What is our definition of noise? When is it okay to make appropriate levels of noise? Is silence important for sleep and/or study? When do we like to sleep?

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**To borrow or not to borrow? That is the question!**

What are we allowed to borrow from one another? What is completely off limits? Is permission necessary at all times when borrowing these items?

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**Be my guest!**

What is our agreement on overnight guests? How much notice should we give one another when an overnight guest is coming?

**How are we going to decide who gets to host guests so that we don't violate the maximum occupancy for our unit?**

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**This place looks (and smells) like a pigsty!**

How will we ensure that the house remains clean? Will we have a cleaning schedule? What is our definition of clean? What about the bathrooms?

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**Safety First!**

How will we keep things safe in our house? How will we ensure that the exterior doors **always remain locked**?

**Who will be responsible if something goes missing or something gets broken?**

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**Sharing a bathroom...**

What are the bathroom ground rules? Do we leave stuff in there? Do we share shampoo or other toiletries? What times do we shower?

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**Kitchen Stuff!**

How will we keep dirty dishes from piling up? Do we have a schedule? Is it okay to borrow one another's dishes/appliances? Is food something that should be shared or kept separate? How will we know who owns what food?

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**Get-2-Gethers**

We want you to be able to host people and have fun, but hosting guests with music and alcohol is violation of our community standards and we want you all to talk about it ahead of time to make sure we deal with it fairly!

- **What will we do if a member of the house wants to throw a party (parties are a violation of the Community Standards)?**
- **Who is going to be responsible if a party takes place in the house?**
- **Who is accountable if no one takes responsibility?**

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**Approachability, what?**

- How will we approach one another if we have concerns or problems? How will you know when I am ready to talk or when is a good time for me to be able to listen? Can we call house meetings if necessary?

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**What else do we need to cover?**

- Are there any other areas we need to work out? How are we going to handle a situation in which a housemate doesn't follow through with this agreement? How are we going to make changes to this contract if need be?

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**I have read, discussed, and agreed to abide by the standards set out in this community contract. I understand that it is important to invest the time and energy needed to resolve any issues that arise.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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