

HOUSEHOLD ROLES CHECKLIST

This document outlines recommended subjects to agree to when cohabiting with friends or family. Establishing the ground rules in advance will help you understand one another's expectations and potentially prevent any conflicts from arising.

Section 1 – Socialising

I will let my housemate(s) know if I am planning to have guests over

I will let my housemate(s) know if I plan to have guests staying overnight – friends, boyfriends, girlfriends etc.

I agree that any overnight guests can stay a maximum of ___ nights a week

I agree I will let my housemate(s) know if I am planning a party or gathering of more than ___ guests

I will agree timings for parties and gatherings on the premises with my housemate(s)

Section 2 – Cleanliness

I agree to take it in turns to:

- Clean the bathroom weekly

- Clean the kitchen weekly

Take responsibility for keeping all communal areas clean and tidy

I agree to do my washing up after meals

I will share responsibility and take it in turns to take out the rubbish and recycling

Section 3 – Pets

I agree that pets are/are not allowed in our property

If permitted, I will take responsibility for cleaning up after my pet and for any damage it causes to the premises and to the personal property of my housemates(s)

Section 4 – Smoking

I agree that smoking is/is not permitted on the premises

Section 5 – Damages

I agree I am responsible for any damage I, or my guests, cause to the property

I agree if we don't know who's responsible for the damage, I will equally share the cost of the damage with my housemate(s)

Section 6 – Utilities/bills

I agree to pay my share of the monthly utility bills

I will share the responsibility of finding the best rates and deals for utilities with my housemate(s)

I will do my best to keep bills at a reasonable level, this can include not leaving lights on, turning off the heating when not at home and not leaving technology on standby

Section 7 - Personal Property

I agree to refrain from borrowing the personal property of any housemate without prior approval

Any borrowed property will be treated with care and returned to the owner in the same condition

If I am responsible for any damage to the personal property of my housemate(s), I will pay for the repairs/damage

If I take food or drinks belonging to my housemate(s) I will replace it

Section 8 – Quiet Hours

I agree to limit my noise and observe quiet hours for sleep, work, study and other purposes from ____ to ____

Section 9 – Mediation

I agree to resolve any disputes with my housemate(s) first through mediation of a neutral third party

I agree that if mediation isn't successful, we can pursue other action