## Thinking about a Housemate?

**Do I want a housemate?**

*Having a housemate has upsides and downsides. Here are some things to consider. Add your own ideas in the space provided.*



**Upsides of Having a Housemate**

* It might be the only way to afford to live in an apartment.
* You can split the cost of rent and utilities.
* You can share chores like cleaning.
* A housemate can be a support and companion.
* Most people live with other people – it’s a “normal” thing to do.
* A housemate may have “stuff” you don’t have. You may have.
* A housemate may have “stuff” that you don’t have.
* OTHER:

**Downsides of Having a Housemate**

* You have to rely on someone else for their share of the costs like rent and utilities.
* You may not like how they do things, their “style,” behavior, or attitudes.
* Their problems can become your problems.
* You may not like their friends.
* You have less privacy because you have to share common areas such as kitchen and living room.
* You have to figure out how to deal with disagreements and differences.
* OTHER

## What am I looking for in a housemate?

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| **What to LOOK FOR** | **How important this is to me** |
| **Very important** | **Important** | **Somewhat important** | **Not important** |
| Someone I know |  |  |  |  |
| Someone I like |  |  |  |  |
| Someone I trust and feel safe with |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who keeps agreements |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who pays their share  |  |  |  |  |
| Someone with the same tolerance for “clean” and “dirty” |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who will not let their friends or family take advantage of the place |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who smokes |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who does not smoke |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who is clean and sober |  |  |  |  |
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| **What to AVOID** | **How important this is to me** |
| **Very important** | **Important** | **Somewhat important** | **Not important** |
| Someone who smokes |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who does not smoke |  |  |  |  |
| A “night” person. |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who had a different taste in music |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who uses drugs or alcohol |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who makes me nervous |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who borrows money from me |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who has allergies to my pets |  |  |  |  |
| Someone who has pets  |  |  |  |  |
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