

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?

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				

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				