

### Communication...

**If my roommate(s) leave for the weekend, I prefer that he/she...**

- Inform me of where he/she is going and when he/she will be back.
- Inform me of when he/she will be back.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

*We encourage you to inform your roommate(s) when you will return.*

**We agree upon:**

**If I am upset with my roommate(s), I prefer to...**

- Confront the issue immediately.
- Give myself some time to cool down before we confront the issue.
- Consult my Masters or RAs for help confronting the issue.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**If I feel that my roommate is in violation of this agreement, I would prefer to...**

- Settle the issue between myself and my roommate(s).
- Try to settle the issue on our own, involving Masters or RAs only if necessary.
- Ask Masters or RAs to help settle the issue between myself and my roommate(s).
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

### Other considerations...

- Think about how you will manage purchasing, using and storing food; bathroom use (if applicable to your room arrangement); alarm clocks etc.

**We agree upon:**

### Other topics to discuss...

#### **Alcohol and Drugs**

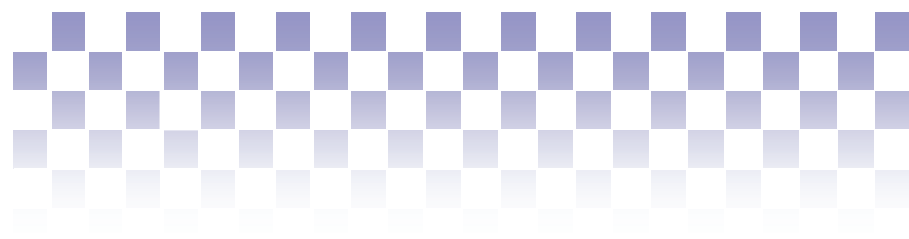
Having a conversation on your views regarding alcohol and drugs can be very helpful. What are your expectations for your room? Regardless of what you and your roommate(s) decide, it is important to be familiar with the expectations in the Rice University Alcohol Policy and Code of Conduct (see Student Handbook).

**We agree upon:**

### Additional Comments and Suggestions:

*The next step is to get together with your roommate(s) and find a common ground on the above situations. Write your answers under "We agree upon:" after each section. If you find you're having trouble getting through something, just ask your Masters, RAs, HRFs, RHA members, O-Week Coordinators or Advisors for help – it's what they're here for!*

*Also, it is important to recognize that this list of suggested discussion items is not comprehensive. It is important that you tailor this document to fit your needs. We also encourage you to talk through this document more than once during your year of living together, as your views on things may change.*



## **RICE ROOMMATE FORM:**

### **Tools for a Successful Roommate Relationship**

#### ***Why should you complete this form?***

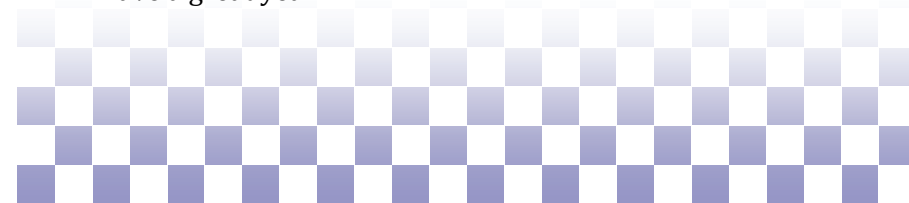
Living with other people and sharing a space means that you and your roommate(s) will make numerous informal agreements such as: sleep and study times, hosting guests, using each other's belongings, etc. Putting your understanding in writing can help to clarify personal preferences and boundaries, which will be pivotal to fostering a healthy roommate relationship. Keep this agreement to refer to later because verbal agreements are too easily forgotten or often misinterpreted after the fact.

#### ***Helpful tips!***

- Friendships don't happen instantly, give it time to grow.
- Be respectful and open to different opinions.
- Consult your college personnel members, an RHA member, O-Week Coordinators or Advisors if you need a neutral party or have questions.

#### ***Instructions:***

1. Spend time individually to complete the questions.
2. Sit down with your roommate(s) to complete the "We agree upon" section after each topic.
3. Keep and refer to when needed.
4. Have a great year!



**In the room...**

**I prefer to go to sleep at \_\_\_\_\_ and to wake up at \_\_\_\_\_**

**I prefer to keep the room at this temperature range when...**

**I sleep \_\_\_\_\_**

**I work/hang out \_\_\_\_\_**

**I prefer to sleep when the room is...**

- Dark.
- Quiet.
- Dark and quiet.
- Doesn't matter. Nothing bothers me when I'm sleeping.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**I prefer to study between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**When studying, I prefer...**

- Total silence.
- Some noise is ok.
- Anything. Nothing bothers me when I'm studying.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**Friends and Overnight Guests...**

**I prefer that my roommate(s) address overnight romantic guests by...**

- Talking to me in advance about an overnight romantic guest
- I am not comfortable with romantic guests staying overnight
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please consult with your college personnel about overnight guest policies at the college.

**We agree upon:**

**I prefer that my roommate(s) address overnight friends by...**

- Talking to me in advance about having a friend stay overnight
- I am not comfortable with friends staying overnight
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please consult with your masters and RAs about overnight guest policies at the college. \*

**We agree upon:**

**If I am away for the weekend, I...**

- Do not mind if roommate(s) or her/his guests sleep in my bed.
- Do not mind if roommate(s) sleeps in my bed, but prefer guests don't.
- Prefer that my bed not be used.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**Neatness and Disorder...**

**In regards to cleaning, I prefer that...**

- My roommate(s) and I cooperatively clean the entire room.
- My roommate(s) and I each clean our own messes.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**In regards to my room's appearance, I prefer that the room...**

- Always be kept neat and orderly.
- Sometimes be kept neat and orderly.
- Doesn't matter. Mess does not bother me.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**I prefer that the room be cleaned at least as often as**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify a time frame. Once a week, month, semester, e.g.)

**We agree upon:**

**Possessions...**

**Regarding my possessions, I prefer that my roommate(s)...**

- Never use my possessions without my permission.
- Be allowed to use items listed without my permission.

- Be allowed to use any of my possessions without my permission.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**

**Regarding loaning my possessions to others, I prefer that my roommate(s)**

- Never loan out my possessions.
- Be allowed to loan my possessions to others with my permission.
- Be allowed to loan my possessions to others at his/her discretion.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**We agree upon:**