4. House Rules Checklist

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Each person should fill this out independently and then review responses together.

	Your habits and preferences
Sleeping habits	
When do you like to go to bed?	
When do you like to get up?	
Do you need a light on at night?	
Do you like music on the radio as you fall asleep or wake up?	
Do you like to leave the window open?	
Do you snore, grind your teeth or talk in your sleep?	
Social habits	
When are visitors welcome?	
What is acceptable for sleepovers by friends or partners?	
How many visitors at once?	
What time must they leave by?	
Can your bed be used if you are not coming back that night?	
Common courtesy	
Establish a “Do Not Disturb” signal	
Smoking policy?	
Designated smoking area	
Are pets are permitted?	
Guidelines for TV usage	
Policy on drinking, excessive drinking?	
Management of hot water supply (shower schedule?)	
Study habits	
Quiet time specifically for studying	
Loud music policy (when, for how long?)	
Do you like to study early or late?	
Can music be on? If so, how loud?	
If you are sharing a room, how late can the lights stay on?	

Potentially annoying habits	Your habits and preferences
Obsessive-compulsive tendencies?	
Do you crack your fingers?	
Do you mutter or hum when you are concentrating?	
Need for privacy	
Do you prefer to change in private?	
Do you like talking about your studies, or your personal life including your family and relationships?	
Need for order or chaos	
Can you put up with a mess?	
Does the room have to be clean and orderly?	
Living space cleaning plan	
Bathroom cleaning plan	
Prepare a chore roster	
Identify what is to be cleaned, how often and by whom	
Identify the date by when the chore must be done	
Rotate responsibilities	
Policy for tidying up after a guest who has been sick!	
Security	
Room locking policy	
House locking policy	
Decide upon shared meals or separate meals	
Cooking roster	
Which staples are shared; which are individual?	
Label shelves in the fridge for individual food purchases and respect rules about "borrowing" food	
Designate shelves in the cupboards for individual purchases	
Identify and respect any food allergies	
Sharing and borrowing rules	
Must you replace what you use?	
Are some items off limits?	
Must the other person ask first?	
What if something is borrowed and damaged?	