



Department of Student Life

## Roommate Contract

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### **Purpose of the Contract**

The purpose of this contract is to give residents sharing a room the opportunity to examine each other's personal living style and preferences, while ensuring that the rights of each individual resident are respected. Learning to accept each other's differences without infringing upon another's freedom is an invaluable part of your learning experience. As you discuss the various points of this contract, working toward achieving an agreement that is reasonable and is agreeable to all affected parties, please keep in mind that at no time are you permitted to supersede the current Housing Terms and Conditions, available on-line at

[http://www.caspercollege.edu/students/whileyouhere/housing/housing\\_tac.html](http://www.caspercollege.edu/students/whileyouhere/housing/housing_tac.html)

At the beginning of the semester, we will require residents to set aside time to discuss the following questions with their roommate, and residents will be required at the beginning of their second semester to review and/or modify this contract. By dedicating adequate time to these questions now, you will hopefully avoid future conflicts. Take time to complete this contract and explain each of your responses. Be as honest and specific as possible.

Remember, communication is the key to the success of your roommate experience at Casper College!

### **General Expectations**

In addition to abiding by the current housing terms and conditions, Casper College housing expects you to establish and maintain a healthy relationship with your roommate.

- Know and abide by the current housing terms and conditions
- Respect the right of others to read, study, and sleep free from undue interference. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of these rights
- Respect your roommate's right to free access to the room
- It is a privilege to have guests in the room. Both you and your guests must respect the rights of your roommate and other hall members
- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the building clean and tidy – even yours!
- Respect your roommate's belongings – they are not yours
- Respect the personal privacy of others
- Settle conflicts peacefully. Both your RA and Area Coordinator are willing to assist you in resolving conflicts
- No one has the right to intimidate or cause physical or emotional harm to another
- While the housing staff will assist you in resolving problems, it is your responsibility to actively participate in the solution

### **Roommate Bill of Rights**

- The right to study free from undue interference (i.e. noise, guests, lights, etc.) in one's room
- The right to sleep free from undue disturbance (i.e. noise, guests, lights, etc.) in one's room
- The right to expect the respect of one's personal belongings
- The right to a clean and tidy environment in which to live
- The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from roommates
- The right to expect one's roommate will not violate the current Housing Terms and Conditions
- The right to be free from harassment and discrimination
- The right to expect that any and all disagreements will be discussed in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect, and that it is acceptable to confront one's roommate when the roommate is not fulfilling mutual agreements

Residence Hall: _____	Room: _____
Roommate 1: _____	Roommate 2: _____

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The right to study free from undue interference (i.e. noise, guests, light, etc.) in one's room.

*The following times will be reserved for quiet study time:*

- Morning    
Afternoon    
Evening    
Late Night    
Weekend

Specific hours: \_\_\_\_\_

*During study time, these background activities can take place:*

- Radio/Music    
Television    
Guests    
Video Games    
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*During midterm and final periods, how do these time/activities change?*

The right to sleep free from undue disturbance (i.e. noise, guests, light, etc.) in one's room.

*The following will be considered "sleeping hours":*

*During sleeping hours, these activities can take place:*

- Radio/Music    
Television    
Guests    
Video Games    
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The right to expect the respect of one's personal belongings.

*Please indicate how the following items may be used / shared – i.e. yes, no, ask first, etc...*

	Roommate 1	Roommate 2
Television		
Radio / Stereo		
Computer		
CDs / DVDs		
Books		
Desk items / Office supplies		
Food		
Cookware		
Clothing		
Toiletries		
Other:		
Other:		

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The right to a clean and tidy environment in which to live.

*Please note which roommate will be responsible for the following housekeeping duties and the frequency at which each should be performed:*

Trash removal:

Vacuuming:

*How often should each roommate straighten up their personal belongings?*

The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from roommates.

*Please indicate restrictions on phone usage (i.e. study hours, sleeping hours, etc.)*

*Should there be a restriction on the length of phone calls? What duration?*

*For room phone (and cell phones), please indicate how phone messages will be recorded and the location where they will be posted.*

*The general daytime temperature should be:* cool warm very warm

*The general nighttime room temperature should be:* cool warm very warm

*Conditions when windows may be opened:*

The right to personal privacy.

**Guests:** *please see the current Housing Terms and Conditions for the full overnight guest / visitation policy*

*Are guests of a social nature permitted in the room during study hours?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Are guests permitted during sleeping hours?* \_\_\_\_\_

*This is how overnight visitation should be handled:*

*How often may any roommate have an overnight guest? (must at least conform to the housing policy)*

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*Personal Habits: please note any personal habits that may affect the roommate relationship (i.e. smoking, meditation, exercise, hobbies, etc.)*

Roommate 1:	Roommate 2:

The right to expect that one's roommate will not violate the current Housing Terms and Conditions.

*I understand that conditional upon my living in Casper College Housing, I agree to know and up hold the Casper College Student Conduct Code and the Housing Terms and Conditions.*

The right to be free from harassment and discrimination.

The right to expect that any and all disagreements will be discussed in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect, and that it is acceptable to confront one's roommate is not fulfilling mutual agreements.

*I understand that all changes to this agreement must be made in the presence of a Housing staff member (such as a Resident Assistant), and are not valid without a witness signature.*

Roommates may wish to make additional agreements covering topics not otherwise addressed in the roommate contract. Please do so here.

**If my roommate or I have any concerns with the rights and agreements stated in the above roommate contract, we have the responsibility of taking the following steps in order to reach a mutually agreeable solution:**

- 1. We must first honestly and openly talk with each other and attempt to work out the problem ourselves**
- 2. If the problem fails to be resolved, we will consult our Resident Assistant, who will work with us to find a resolution to the problem**
- 3. Finally, if no other measures work to resolve the problem, we will consult the Area Coordinator to discuss our options, understanding that the Area Coordinator will first consult the Resident Assistant to gather information before meeting with us**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate 1 signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate 2 signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Housing staff signature and position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date