

## Pros and Cons of Roommates

### PROS:

- It's often cheaper as costs are split
- Household chores are often a shared responsibility
- You can afford a larger place
- A roommate can help with loneliness

### CONS:

- A perceived (or real) lack of privacy
- Someone else's problems can become yours
- You're relying on someone else to help pay rent, utilities, etc.
- There's always a potential for disputes, even with a friend

### Good Advice:

- **Find a similarly tidy roommate.** It's important that they are roughly as clean or as messy as you are.
- **Find someone with whom you can discuss finances and money issues**
- **Discuss your preferences for inviting friends over.**
- **Discuss how late or early you go to bed and how sound of a sleeper you are.**
- **Ask about pets**
- **Choose a person for compatibility, not likeability.** Friends do not always make the best roommates.

