

College Dorm Life Tips

TIPS FOR COLLEGE DORM LIFE

College dorm life may feel like living in a bunker, but students can survive if they follow simple rules. College students should understand this living arrangement is only temporary, and worst case scenario, room or roommates can be changed.

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN TO YOUR DORM

Preparing for college is exciting, but you want to be sure you take care of as many things before you actual move in day as possible. Check out our [college checklists](#) page to find out more on how to be prepared for college move in day. If you school provides your future roommates contact info make sure you make every effort to get in touch with them and try to establish a friendship early on. Be open, honest and friendly and try to find out as much about them as possible. Consider bringing some type of move in gift for them to help win them over. Getting along with your roommate is very important because it can make or break your freshman year experience in the dorms.

GET ALONG WITH YOUR ROOMMATE

Chances are you and your roommate are going to disagree on something. You may even be complete opposites, but you must learn to get along. If you are having problems with your roommate, try to leave and blow off some steam. Remember you are stuck sharing the same space with this person, and it's easier to tolerate someone compared to being worst enemies.

MOVING IN: ESTABLISH THE RULES EARLY ON

Talk to your roommate about the room rules as early as possible, ideally on college move in day right after you move into the dorm and your parents leave. This will help you both agree and ensure there was no confusion later on. Things you should discuss include your policy on having visitors over, [dorm room decoration](#), [dorm room furniture](#) placement, borrowing clothes, eating food and anything else you can think of.