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# Living & Learning: Our Community

When you come to live in University accommodation, you become part of a dynamic and diverse community. We hope you will love your time here, by making the most of the opportunity to build healthy relationships, to develop core life skills which complement what you learn in the classroom, and to get involved in an exciting programme of events and activities. Remember: we all thrive when treated with respect. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure this is a welcoming and safe community, so please be aware of how your actions can affect others.

## Be considerate and courteous towards others

- Between 11pm and 7am (and 24 hours per day during exam periods), it's **Quiet Time**.
- Consider those living around you: budding DJs, please wear headphones; footballers, please head to the local park.
- Get to know your neighbours at activities and events throughout the year; visit [www.residencelife.co.uk](http://www.residencelife.co.uk) to see what's on.

## Act Responsibly & be honest

- If you break or damage something, whether deliberately or accidentally, you'll have to pay for it.
- If nobody owns up to causing the damage in an area you have access to, you'll have to pay a share of the cost.
- Make sure you lock bedroom and flat doors; don't make yourself an easy target.
- Look behind you when entering University accommodation blocks; don't let strangers in.
- If you're having a party, respect your flatmates and others who may not be joining in. Remember that you are legally responsible for your guests' behaviour.

## Abide by the law

- Make sure you read and follow the Fire Safety guidance on the noticeboards.
- Fire detectors in corridors, bedrooms and kitchens may all be different. Some react to heat, others to smoke. Always keep fire doors closed to prevent unnecessary fire alarm activations.
- Lighting open fires isn't allowed within University grounds. If you want to have a BBQ check out the specific guidelines, or have one in your local park.

## Behave in a respectful manner towards others

- Respect your neighbours. Keep quiet when walking around the Residences; nobody likes being kept up, especially local residents.
- Remember to keep the kitchen and living space clean and tidy.
- Keep on top of the washing up; mould causes arguments. Fact!
- Remember it's your collective responsibility to empty the bins before they overflow; nobody likes bin juice and flies!
- Think of the environment: use the recycling facilities and food waste bins provided.

You can avoid disciplinary action by taking note of these tips and reading the University's Code of Conduct [www.sheffield.ac.uk/sss/student-code-of-conduct](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/sss/student-code-of-conduct)

Get in touch with the Residence Life team for more information  
[Residencelife.co.uk](http://Residencelife.co.uk)

# COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENT

## FULL ADDRESS

(inc house/block/flat number) \_\_\_\_\_

Good communal living relies on clearly communicating expectations and reaching an agreement beneficial to all. Please use this sheet to think about your living arrangements before your Residence Life Mentor comes to the Community Living Agreement meeting, when all residents of your flat/corridor/house must be present.

Communal space: e.g. Kitchens/Lounge/Diners/Corridors

Food Boundaries ("hands off", shared or a combination of both?) Special dietary requirements?  
Any religious requirements?

Buying and using cleaning products (e.g. washing up liquid, oven cleaner, sponges, tea towels)

Communal cleaning (e.g. a rubbish disposal rota, cleaning surfaces, washing up)

Saucepans, cooking utensils, crockery (i.e. individual or shared?)

Guests (overnight stay?)

Any other agreements between the residents.....

SIGNED BY ALL RESIDENTS:

DATE: