

Roommate **red** lights quiz



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BUDDY SYSTEM

1. Are you looking for a roommate or a friend?
2. You're going out for drinks with friends. Do you want your roommate to be someone you'd invite along?
3. You're out on a date and someone else you're interested in calls the house. What would you like your roommate to say?
4. You've called in "sick" to work. Your office calls and your roommate answers the phone. What would you like your roomie to say?
5. Your roommate has an overnight guest. How long constitutes overnight?
6. Will you be annoyed if the guest is hanging out, cooking, showering, etc. in communal areas?

MONEY & PERKS

1. Are you willing to negotiate services/chores for utilities/extra expenses?
2. When is the rent due? Who is it payable to? Utility bills are usually split evenly, except for phone bills. Make a standing rule about how many days after a bill is received that payment must be collected.
3. Does the person with the larger bedroom or better parking space pay more? How much?
4. What system do you have in mind for communal items like cleaning supplies? Decide the division in advance.
5. Who gets veto power over furniture and home accessories in shared areas? Don't purchase furniture jointly, and have an agree-

ment beforehand about what stays if one person moves. If the original apartment holder provides furniture and/or appliances, he or she is entitled to a small rent discount, but also responsible for replacing items as they wear out.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

1. How long does takeout stay in the fridge?
2. How often do you do laundry? Dishes?
3. What household items (kitchen spices, toilet paper, etc.) would you like to share?
4. Who is responsible for cleaning common areas? How often?
5. If you leave clothes in the washer, and your roommate needs to do laundry, what should happen to your load?

6. Should groceries be separated? If so, how?

7. How often can a roommate "borrow" something before it becomes an issue? Are there any things that are absolutely not up for grabs? Don't be petty, but do replace what you've borrowed.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Are you involved in criminal activity? (Ask diplomatically.)
2. Do you drink, smoke or toke?
3. Do friends or family stop by frequently?
4. What time do you usually go to bed on weeknights? Weekends?
5. What kind of music do you like?
6. How long have you been at your job?

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Post Addison Circle	972-392-6000	Call	•	•	•			•	•	On-site retail, urban environment, planned resident events
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