

A CO-LIVING AGREEMENT: PART TWO.



The second part of our co-living agreement looks at the actual items , or clauses you may want to include in your agreement. These suggestions can be modified and changed to meet the needs of your group and may vary depending on the style of property you live in, how many people you live with and how long you plan to live together.

As with all our Information Sheets these are guides, and are not exhaustive of the options you have available to you and your co-owners.

(If you are co-investing with your Mate, you may choose to implement the co-living agreement with your tenants, helping to create a positive and harmonious living

Potential clauses or inclusions to consider:

Communication: If you have read our **part one** on co-living agreements you will know that we see communication as a really important tool in the co-living/co-ownership process, and offer some ideas on how to do it respectfully and responsibly. One option at the beginning of the relationship, is to find out from your co-owners how they best like to communicate, and receive feedback from others, this is to avoid issues in the future and may support the way you come together to discuss any questions or queries you have.

Visitors: How many visitors are acceptable on weeknights / weekends? Does this depend on who the visitor is (for example priority is given to partners or family members being able to attend more frequently) or is it based on the day or time of the visit? Do you mind how many or how often visitors are at the home or is this not an issue? Perhaps you will pre-agree to just be respectful of others privacy and time and not set parameters on who can visit or when.

Do you have a set agreement for holding a party (e.g. weekends only) or does this fall under the same part of the agreement as one/a few visitors. Whilst you may not want to specify this information in the agreement, another tip is to clarify what each person means when talking about a 'party', for one it may mean hosting a dinner party on a Sunday evening and for the other it may mean playing beer pong on a Thursday afternoon!

Noise or Social Time: More generally than just visitors and parties, what is acceptable when it comes to socialising in the common areas. Is there an expectation that each member will just be respectful of each other when it comes to sharing the TV or setting the volume? Again you may not set the information in the agreement, but may come to the decision that on work days, everyone will be mindful of noise after 10pm as an example.

