

Checklist for consideration of home share

Initial research and contact's: following is a list of information you might need/want to gather from an ad/and or initial phone call

Address:

Name of person I spoke with

Names/number of other housemates

Contact details: phone/email

Rent per week/month

Furnishings: is the room furnished?

Transportation: on a bus route

Transit to shops/doctors appts

During the inspection/interview: there are some questions you might like to ask: and the list below will help you to gather that information about both the lifestyles and living arrangements of the house mate(s)

How many other people are living in the home?

Can I meet everyone?

Do any pets live here?

Does the household socialise a lot- e.g. eat meals together- or does everyone live independently?

What are the house rules, about visitors, parties, use of communal areas?

Bills and expenses:

Does everyone buy their own food, or do you pool money?

Does one person manage the bills- for e.g., is the phone bill divided?

Can we negotiate the rent based on my willingness to clean, cut the lawn etc.?

Lifestyle choices:

Is smoking allowed inside the property?

Is there a lot of alcohol consumed?

Do people stay overnight?

Do you rise early or late? Or go to bed early or late?

Is there a house condition report available?