

# LINDENWOOD

## Roommate Bill of Rights

The following Roommate Bill of Rights pertains to Lindenwood University and is a reminder to each resident that the enjoyment of life in a residence hall or house will depend, to a large extent, on the thoughtful consideration demonstrated by yourself and your roommates.

Remember: To be a mature adult is to accept responsibility for the welfare of oneself and others. It is incumbent upon all students to be familiar with the policies and regulations of Lindenwood University and their impact within the residence halls or houses. Ignoring or not knowing University and residence hall policies cannot be accepted as an excuse. Students are expected to read and understand the information in the Student Handbook. If questions arise about these policies, please contact a residence hall staff member. Students may be held accountable for actions that are either intentional or negligent. In order to be a responsible community member, students must understand the impact of their actions and not just the intent.

Basic rights of a roommate include:

1. The right to read and study free from undue interference in one's room. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of this right.
2. The right to sleep without undue disturbance from noise, guests of roommate(s), etc.
3. The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.
4. The right to a clean environment.
5. The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from the roommate.
6. The right to privacy, including the right to exclude non-residents from the room.
7. The right to address grievances.
8. The right to be free from fear of intimidation and physical or emotional harm.
9. The right to expect reasonable cooperation and the use of "room shared" appliances (refrigerator, fan, etc.).
10. The right to seek help with the roommate relationship from Office of Residence Life staff.