

# Roommate Issues

Making the most of living in your new on-campus community starts with getting to know your roommate. Develop a roadmap to discuss your expectations while sharing a room, resolve conflicts if they arise and ensure each individual's rights are respected. Talking about concerns before they develop into conflict and being willing to compromise help pave the way for successful relationships.

## Roommate Agreement

Roommates should work together to complete a Roommate Agreement during the first week of classes. Please note that the BEST time to do this is BEFORE you have any conflict with your roommates. These agreements serve as a conversational starting point and should be revisited frequently as relationships with your roommate grow. Roommate Agreement forms are provided by your RA who can assist you in the process.

## Room Changes

We want you to be happy and safe in your home on campus. If you have tried to mediate your roommate concerns with the help of your RA and Director of Residential Life and still need to request a room change, email [reslife@lsua.edu](mailto:reslife@lsua.edu) to request an appointment with the office manager to discuss possibly rooming options.

If at any time you are in danger or unsafe, please contact **LSUA Police** immediately.

## Staff

Resident Assistants (RAs) lead their communities in upholding community standards and help residents get connected to their living community and LSUA's campus. Your RA can facilitate the roommate agreement conversation, and work to mediate conflict as needed.

## Parent Involvement in Roommate Issues

At the LSUA Department of Residential Life, we focus on enhancing the student's living and learning experience. To this end, we invite parents and family members to be partners in your student's success on campus.

While a parent's first reaction may be to 'fix it' for the student, remember problem solving is a life-long skill that reaches far beyond academia. As a parent, encourage your student to resolve problems by using the on-campus resources available to them both inside the Department of Residential Life and beyond.

If you feel a situation warrants your involvement escalate it to our professional staff, rather than your student's RA. Remember RAs are students too, have a lot on their plates, and are under no obligation to give out their personal cell phone numbers.