

**Independent-Living Units (ILU) Shared
Living Agreement—Apartments, Quads,
SDLCs**

**Office of Residence Life
Elizabethtown College**

Apartments, Quads & SDLC Shared Living Agreement

The Office of Residence Life at Elizabethtown College recommends that roommates living in the Vera Hackman Apartments, the Schreiber Quadrangle and the campus Student Directed Living Communities complete a Shared Living Agreement. This document is designed to provide residents living in the Apartments, Quads or SDLCs the opportunity to communicate with each other the needs of the living unit as well as give them the opportunity to establish guidelines related to the details of their living arrangements. Students are encouraged to spend quality time discussing each section, being as honest with their thoughts and ideas as possible. The benefits of this completed document are that those living within the individual apartment, quad or SDLC communities have the ability share their opinions, create an open dialogue with their roommates and have a document that acts as a living agreement which all roommates should adhere.

The independent living units are more than just a place to sleep, study and interact with others. ILUs provide students the ability to live and function with the feeling and independence of living on their own while having the convenience of actually being located on E-Town's campus. Students are allowed the opportunity to live in and maintain their own living areas allowing for a smooth transition to their years beyond their college experience. Allowing students to cook, clean and develop proper communication among neighbors helps develop the essential skills of living and functioning independently.

Below are suggested topics and things that people living with one another might encounter throughout their time together. These are only a few. Members of the apartment, quad or SDLC are encouraged to contribute any other topics that might be of concern to them. Remember, open communication is the key to success. The quality of your experience depends on your roommates and the relationships you have with each other.

CLEANLINESS:

What does “clean” mean to us? What is our idea of being “clean”?

Who is responsible for cleaning the common areas of the apartment/quad (i.e. kitchen, bathroom, common room)? Is this a shared weekly responsibility or something set up in a “chore chart” or “cleaning calendar?”

When and how often should pots, pans, dishes and utensils be cleaned? Who should be the one who cleans these items?

When and how often should the bathroom(s) (including sink, toilet, shower, bathroom floor, etc) be cleaned?

For Apartments & Quads with more than one (1) bathroom/bathroom amenity: Should specific bathrooms be used by specific members of the apartment/quad?

GUESTS:

Do we allow guests into the apartment/quad? Yes _____ No _____

Who do we allow as guests into our apartment/quad?

When is it okay to have guests over?

How much advance warning is needed when inviting guests? _____

When guests are allowed over, what are they allowed to use (i.e. bathroom(s), food, television, stereo, computers, bed(s), etc.)?

Who is allowed access into the private bedrooms?

Are guests allowed to stay overnight? If so, who is allowed and where are they allowed to stay?

What happens if a guest damages property (college and personal property)?

SHARED vs. PERSONAL:

What is okay to share with each other? What is off limits?

What happens if something is touched or used without permission?

How do we share cabinet and refrigerator space?

Do we buy food together or separately? Yes _____ No _____

How do we designate personal food vs. public food?

What about supplies other than food (paper towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, hand soap, etc.)? Do we share the costs or buy individually?

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR:

Will there be specific times & locations designated for studying? Yes___ No___
If so, what are these times and locations?

Other than campus mandated quiet hours, should there be specific quiet hours within the living area? Is there a specific time that music and televisions be turned down below normal levels?

For safety and security reasons, apartment, quad or SDLC doors should:

- Always be locked
- Be locked only during the evening when sleeping
- Be locked only when we are not in the apartment/quad

How will disagreements be handled?

Is there anything else that everyone in the apartment/quad needs to know about each other to get along?

Are there any other living expectations important to you?

We hereby agree to abide by the terms and agreements of the Shared Living Agreement (SLA) as determined by ourselves. This agreement was established with the consent of all current residents of the living area, in order to achieve harmony and a safe, comfortable living situation for all involved. We understand that compromises have been made, and that these compromises were made in the best interests of all residents living in the shared living area.

Resident 1 Name (Print): _____

Resident 1 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Resident 2 Name (Print): _____

Resident 2 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Resident 3 Name (Print): _____

Resident 3 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Resident 4 Name (Print): _____

Resident 4 Signature: _____

Date: _____