

Just moved in? Let me help.

Finally, you've arrived. Away from home and into your very own college dorm. You unpack your toothbrush and head to the community bathroom. UUGH! Twenty sinks and nowhere for you to put your bunny slippers or your ducky bathrobe.



Dorm room tried and tested etiquette survival guide.

Brie's corner

Dorm room do's and don'ts room etiquette

- Sit down with your roommate and discuss the rules of the room. Try to work out any problems between yourselves without going to the RA.
- Decide which items will be shared. Like refrigerators, microwaves, TVs, radios, computers. You should set rules regarding these items before problems arise.
- Don't borrow clothing or personal items from your roommate without permission.
- Make friends with students other than just your roommate. Your roommate does not have to be your only friend.
- Consult your RA only when you cannot solve an issue. College is the time for you to learn to make decisions and begin to solve problems for yourself.
- Leave your door open sometimes when you are in your room. This small gesture will help you make friends with other people on your floor.
- Keep personal valuables locked away. This will protect you and your roommate in case something comes up missing.
- Treat your dorm-mates with respect. Clean up after yourself. Don't destroy the furniture or the belongings of others. Take the trash out if you don't have daily service.
- Discuss nudity and semi-nudity with your roommate. You don't want to embarrass yourself or your roommate.
- Decide beforehand how you will handle overnight visitors and or visitors of the opposite sex. Remember, your roommate's views on this subject may be drastically different than yours.
- Avoid situations that can get you and your roommate kicked out. Getting busted for alcohol and or drugs in your room is not cool.

Bathroom rules!!

Guys: If you don't already know. Get hip to the every other urinal rule. You know, step up to every other urinal. Otherwise you are going to look pretty ridiculous.

Girls: Resist the temptation to shower for an hour in the community bathroom. You're not in Kansas anymore Dorothy. Oh! And don't forget your flip-flops.

Community bathrooms can be a great place to meet the other folks on your floor but it can also be an opportunity to contract athlete's foot and other bothersome germs. So protect your feet and avoid placing your toothbrush and other toilet items on sinks and countertops.

If you have a semi private room and share a bathroom with one or two other people you might want to sit down and come to some sort of agreement about how to decorate and store personal belongings. It can be fun to go shopping together for decorations if you haven't already brought them along.