



# INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR HOME SEEKERS

While you wait for a call from the prospective Householder whose ad you responded to, review your completed Home Seeker Assessment form and use this document as your guide to further refine your questions to the Home Sharer.

## INTRODUCTIONS

- Please tell me something about yourself and your home.
- How long have you lived in your home?
- Why are you looking for in a housemate?
- Have you had a housemate in the past? If so, tell me about that experience.

## SHARING TASKS, SPACE AND THINGS

- What areas of the home will be shared and what areas will be private?
- Who is responsible for household tasks?
- What are the cleanliness standards for ALL rooms in the house?
- Is furniture provided or may I bring in my own bedroom furniture? Other furniture?
- Personal possessions (television, stereo, cookware, dishes, linens, tools, etc.)
- Do you have laundry equipment and will I have permission to use it as needed?
- Will I have access to storage space? Will that be included in my rent?

## GETTING ALONG

- What are your needs for socializing and privacy?
- Are there any activities we would like to share?
- How will we handle changing needs?

## MONEY

- What is the monthly rent? When is it due?
  - Are utilities included in the rent?
  - Are there any additional fees?
- If there is a service exchange, what specifically will you want me to provide and on what schedule?
- In exchange for the service I provide what will I receive?
  - Reduction in rent
  - Free rent
  - Free room and board
  - Free room and board plus compensation

## HABITS AND PREFERENCES

- What is your daily ritual? Your work, sleep and bathrooms schedules?
- Do you have specific temperature needs or preferences for summer and winter?
- Do you smoke?
- Do you have a pet or pets? If so, what kinds and how many?
- Are you sensitive to noise? What noise level are you accustomed to in your home?
- Do you drink alcohol or use recreational drugs?
- What are your television habits?
- What are your music preferences?
- What are your telephone habits?
- Do you entertain at your home? Do you give parties, have overnight guests, or daytime visits from friends and family? How often?

## MEALS

- Would you prefer to eat together or separately? If together, on what schedule?
- Will you want to combine funds to buy food together or purchase food separately?
- Would you be interested in shopping and preparing meals together? Or separately?
- Will I have full kitchen privileges?

- What amount of space will you allot for my use of the refrigerator, freezer, pantry and kitchen storage space?
- What are your food preferences? Do you have allergies or food sensitivities?
- Are you on a special diet?

### **MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Do you have medical conditions I should know about?
- Do you take any medications? If so, will I have access to that information in the event of an emergency?
- Are you willing to exchange doctors' telephone numbers?
- What arrangements have you made in the event of injury or illness? Do you have family or friends who can tend to your needs?
- (If needed by the home seeker) Are safety devices, such as grab bars installed in your home?

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Will you provide a contact name and phone number to call in case of emergency?

### **BEGINNING AND ENDING**

- How long do you intend to share your home?
- How much notice is needed to terminate the Home-Sharing agreement?
- What other arrangements?