Renter and Roommate Resources

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Renter / Tenant Rights

Be aware of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant and what you should expect from your landlord. Visit the Renting in Ontario: Your Rights page for more information.

Legal Aid

The Seneca Student Federation has partnered with Himelfarb Proszanski Barristers and Solicitors to offer full-time Seneca students free legal aid services. As a student, you might face issues that might require legal aid support, and the lawyers are here to help with legal aid advice on matters such as notarization of documents, affidavits, landlord/tenant rights, and more!

Students can book a 15 minute appointment for legal aid advice in-person or online. Please note that the Legal Aid Service lawyers will not represent you in ongoing legal matters, including litigation or court proceedings.

Click here to book an appointment

Roommates

Places4Students offers roommate finder services and roommate profiles to help you match with a fellow students. Log in to Places4Students to access the roommate finder.

When considering having a roommate or roommates, we suggest that you consider negotiating a roommate agreement prior to committing to renting an apartment. Prior to committing to becoming roommates it is suggested that you consider these points:

A: Rent

- How much is each going to pay?
- What room will each get?

• How are each going to pay? The landlord? A roommate, who then pays the landlord?

B: Other Charges: (How are you going to handle sharing these)

- Telephone
- Food
- Cable

C: Chores: (Who is doing what, when and how often)

- Cooking
- Cleaning
- · Outdoor maintenance

D: House rules

- Are visitors and overnight guests allowed?
- Are you permitted to share household appliances?
- Are smoking and/or alcohol allowed?
- Are pets permitted?
- Privacy issues?

E: Other things

Once you have considered all these things, we suggest that you document it with a that all parties commit to and sign, with witnesses.

Quick Links

- Rental Agreement
- Roommate Agreement
- Landlord and Tenant Information
- Landlord and Tenant Act

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