



## Tenant Responsibilities

When you have met someone you are considering sharing a home with, we **strongly recommend** that you follow the steps below in order to give yourself - and the homeowner - the best opportunity for a successful Homesharing relationship.

1. Give the homeowner your three long-term **references** so he or she can call them.
2. We **strongly urge** you to have a **trial visit**. Arrange to live with the homeowner for a specific period of time to see if this arrangement works for both of you. At the end of the trial period, make your decision. *We have found that this is the best way to ensure a successful match.*
3. Fill out the **agreement form** after the trial visit and before you move in to make sure both parties expectations are clearly understood. *It is far better to clarify questions on the form beforehand than to try to straighten out misunderstandings later on.*

### Issues to Consider...

- Please do not make a final decision about moving in with someone until you have had time to think it over.
- If you have **any** misgivings about a person, it is always better to frankly discuss possible problem areas than to put up with a situation that makes you unhappy in hopes that it will improve.
- It is very important to call us regularly -- once or twice a month -- to let us know that you are still looking for a housemate. This will ensure that your file remains active. Please call if your needs or preferences change so that we can keep the information in your file current. If we do not hear from you for an extended period of time, we will assume you are no longer interested in finding a Homesharing arrangement.
- It is also important to call us after you have spoken with a homeowner to let us know if you are considering sharing with that person.

***Flexibility, clear expectations, and open communication  
are the keys to successful Homesharing matches.***

**Please call us at (206) 448-5725 if you have any questions.**



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