

Meet a Roommate!

Magda is in her 30s, has a job and lives in a 2 bedroom house that she rents. She is a smoker (but not in the house) and likes to have friends over for low-key parties and game nights every couple of weeks. She works an office job, but needs a roommate to cover half the rent and half the utilities. Her house doesn't allow pets over 80 lbs.

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Anne recently fell on hard times and had to move out of her one bedroom apartment into an emergency shelter. Before she went to shelter, she had lived by herself for a number of years. She has been in shelter for a couple of weeks and is working with a case manager to find a more permanent housing placement. The case manager suspects that Anne may have a substance abuse issue, but they have not discussed it openly.

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Justin is a Veteran who has received a HUD-VASH voucher. He's currently looking for a unit and mentioned to his case manager that he liked living with people. He has kids who do not live with him, but sometimes come over to visit. He works the night shift at a local convenience store once or twice a week. Justin likes to keep his apartment clean and ordered.

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Kamal owns a house with multiple bedrooms and has been renting out rooms on Airbnb. He would like to move to more long term renters and heard about shared housing while volunteering at a local shelter. He currently has two rooms available, which can be locked to secure a Veteran's things. He is happy to create separate leases and include utilities in the rent. He has house rules that he has set up to support his sobriety, but he does allow smoking cigarettes on the back porch.

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Nick lived in his car for a few years, but was able to be rapidly rehoused to a one bedroom apartment approximately 9 months ago. Nick was exited from the program, but often calls up his former case manager to check in. He recently complained that he was lonely and his lease was almost up and he was thinking of moving to a bigger apartment if he could find a roommate. Nick has a cat and has found a job where he can work from home.

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Dina travels quite a bit for work, but has an extra room in her apartment. She is looking for a roommate who will take good care of the apartment while she is gone. She is happy to be social with the roommate, but doesn't want them throwing wild parties when she is traveling. She would prefer no pets, but is willing to make it work with the right person. She would also prefer to only have a female roommate.

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David has been moving between shelter and sleeping in parks for the last 4 years. Outreach workers have spoken with him and David indicated recently that he's interested in finding a more permanent home. David has decided to move into the local emergency shelter while looking for an apartment. David has been talking to other people in the shelter about possibly living together. He's open to living with one or more people and would prefer to move into someone who has had experiences similar to his.