

Stumbling Block: Smoking

Oh no! One of the roommates has started smoking in the house. They say they have limited it to their bedroom, but the smell is definitely in the common areas. When the roommate was asked to move the smoking to outside, the roommate said they would, but it seems like they haven't. What should the case manager do?

Stumbling Block: Bad Schedules

About a month or so after the roommates moved into their unit, one of the roommates had their work schedule switched. Now the roommate is coming home around 1am and usually wants to relax, cooking food and watching TV, before sleeping late into the morning. This is resulting in each roommate creating noise while the other sleeps, either during the night or first thing in the morning. Neither of them are sleeping well and it's leading to verbal fights. What should the case manager do?

Stumbling Block: Not Paying Rent (Due to Loss of Income)

A couple of months into signing a lease and moving in together, one of the roommates lost their job, which was their main source of income. Without another job lined up, the roommate isn't sure that they can pay their rent in another month or so. This may result in the newly unemployed roommate from being evicted. What should the case manager do?

Stumbling Block: Not Cleaning Up

The roommates started off ok, but a few weeks into living together, the roommates have started arguing about chores and who needs to clean up the common areas. One of the roommates tends to leave things like dishes and clothes lying around the common areas and the other roommate is sick of picking up after them. The roommates had a verbal agreement on cleaning up and doing chores, but one of the roommates doesn't feel it is being honored. What should the case manager do?

Stumbling Block: Not Contributing to Agreed Upon Household Costs

The roommates have moved in together and are getting along well. An organization stepped in and helped them with the initial costs of setting up the apartment. Now a few months in, one of the roommates has noticed that they are the only one who has been purchasing household items like paper towels, toilet paper, and condiments. The roommates had agreed to split these costs evenly, but the other roommate won't help pay for the purchases, saying they weren't discussed ahead of time and they don't have enough money for them. What should the case manager do?