

TYPES OF ROOMMATES



Do you have nightmares about having a roommate? When a person grows up, he or she often starts to rent an apartment. In most cases, it is not cheap. To save some money, a person finds a roommate, most of which have so many surprises. There are several major types of roommates: the party animal, the always studying one, the clingy one, the thief, and the in-love one.

The party animal is a person who cannot imagine his or life without parties. As neighbors, such people can be rather bothering no matter if they go out or have a party in the room. If they go out, then they will probably come home early in the morning, at about 4 or 5 a. m. Considering that there is not much space, this person will wake up his or her neighbor. Moreover, this party animal may be tipsy or even drunk, so making noise is unavoidable. Having such a roommate can be even more disadvantageous, when he or she invites some strangers to party at their place. In this case, the whole company will make a person stay awake until dawn.

The always-studying roommate is a person who is concentrated on nothing but studying. According to McBride, this type of roommate “Takes *silence is golden* to a whole new level”. Living with such a person can be rather problematic unless both neighbors are the same. Clearly, there are times when a person enjoys the silence, but it does not happen all the time. Sometimes a person wants to listen to music, or to watch a movie, and such roommate will ask this person not to be noisy. However, it is not convenient to wear

earphones all the time.

The clingy roommate is a person who does not respect other people's privacy. Raeck mentions, "This roommate never seems to put the *apart* in *apartment*". Clearly, each individual needs some time to be alone, but it is almost impossible to do so in case a person has such a neighbor. Roommates are not necessarily the best friends, but the clingy roommates are not aware of it. They tend to follow their roommate everywhere. If a person wants to watch a TV-show, such roommate will be pleased to join him or her. If a person goes to the movie theater with his or her friends, such neighbor will ask to go there, too.

The thief is a type of a neighbor who likes stealing things. Such people claim that they borrow things. In reality, they either start to borrow too much, or they never return anything back at all. Naturally, this behavior causes much discomfort for a person who lives with the thief. One time a person may discover that a shampoo bottle is empty, and another time this person may have nothing to eat for breakfast because his or her roommate "borrowed" the cereals. Wu presents a story where the thief did not just steal a person's juice, but where the thief stole a person's credit card. Thus, the thief can be not only an unpleasant but also a dangerous neighbor.

The in-love roommate is a person who has a long-term relationship. Having the in-love roommate is often annoying, especially if this person spends too much time with his or her spouse. McBride points out, "In fact, you basically have two roommates in this situation". It is also inconvenient to go out of the bathroom and meet the roommate's spouse.

To conclude, it is possible to divide roommates into several types: the one who does nothing but study, the one who steals things, the one who is in love, the party animal, and the clingy one. All of these types of roommates have one thing in common: they can easily turn their neighbor's life into a disaster. Thus, it is better to be careful when choosing a roommate.