

## Reference Check

### Questions about the Homeowner

I am calling because \_\_\_\_\_ has given me/us your name as a reference for the purpose of reviewing his/her/their suitability as housemates. We are interested in forming a homeshare arrangement in which I would be renting and sharing common area space with them in their home. I would like to ask you some questions that will help us establish a good relationship. May I ask you these questions? I pledge to keep all of your answers in strict confidence.

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to ( the homeowner)? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known (the homeowner)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in contact with each other now? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe him/her/them to someone who doesn't know him/her?

Do you know if they have ever had other non-family members living with them before?

Do you know if there were any problems or difficulties with that living arrangement?

How reliable would you rate him/her/them? What do you base that on?

Can you tell me about his/her/their lifestyle or particular interests?

Do you know of any major problems with their property?

What might be the most challenging thing about living with him/her/them?

People begin homesharing for a variety of reasons. In what ways do you think being a housemate could be helpful for him/her/them? In what ways could I be helpful to him/her/them, i.e, help around the house? Transportation, yard care?

In your opinion, would he/she/they (and their family) be able to abide by agreements that outline the rules of living together like respecting others' private space, not infringing on my schedule, respecting my plans for storage, parking, visitors, pets, children, noise, etc.

Please explain:

To your knowledge, has he/she/they had any difficulties with neighbors, law enforcement, addictions, or abuse that would cause them to be an unfit or unsuitable housemate? Please explain:

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Specifically, are you aware of any problems with alcohol, illegal drugs or anger?

If your mother or grandmother needed a space to rent, would you feel good about recommending him/her/them as a good choice for her? Any reservations?

Do you have anything else you would like me to know?

Thank you for your time.