

Reference Check

Questions about the Homeseeker

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 within my 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 (homeseeker)? _____

How long have you known (the homeseeker)? _____

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 where he/she/they are living now?

Have there been any problems or difficulties that you know of 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?

If you are or have been an employer – Would you hire him/her again?

If you were a previous landlord, would you rent to this person again?

Do you know if he/she/they have rented space with others in the past and if so, how that arrangement went?

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 they be helpful to a homeowner like me, 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 rules for storage, parking, visitors, pets, children, noise, etc.

Please explain:

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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:

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

If your mother or grandmother suggested having space to rent in her home to him/her/them, 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.