

Living Alone Sucks. Having a Roommate Doesn't.

Once one reaches the age of eighteen, responsibilities and thoughts of the future are all that one thinks about: what do I want to do after I graduate from high school? Where do I see myself in ten years? However, a question that one rarely tends to think about during this time period—where will I be living? Will I be alone? One would be expected to be independent and have the ability to take care of themselves. From having a job to running errands, it is imperative to be on one's own when they have reached the legal, adult age. While this lifestyle of living alone does sound very appealing, there are a few downsides to this next step in life.

After stepping out into the real world after high school, one is hit with immediate financial responsibilities that either may or may not have been a thought that has crossed their mind. For instance, a summer babysitting job of working 30 hours per week is not substantial enough to pay for a studio in cities like New York, where the average studio rent in Brooklyn is \$2,655. They say if you can make it in New York, you can make it anywhere. But if you can not afford to live there, then why bother trying to make it?

Don't get me wrong, living in a big city like Los Angeles or Seattle is quite the humble brag. Not only do you work a steady job that allows you to sleep comfortably in a loft nearby a small, family-owned Chinese restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles, or a newly constructed apartment building above an Amazon grocery store in Queen Anne, but it is also nice to casually slip into conversation that you live alone in one of the most expensive cities in the nation to see people's reactions to your success.

There are some very considerable advantages to living with a roommate as opposed to living alone or living with your parents. For instance, you will constantly have someone living with you. So, whether you need a favor or help splitting up chores to do, there is someone there to help you. You will never be lonely or never be afraid of scary neighbors because you will have a roommate or two to be there by your side. Is living alone the worst? Not at all. But can living with a roommate be fun? The more, the merrier!

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