

**PEACE CORPS ROMANIA**  
**Housing Criteria Checklist**  
**For Potential Host Family Identification**

*These standards are guidelines that will help ensure the safety and security, physical and psychological health of the Volunteers. Please complete the following checklist for each of the potential host families and keep it (them) until the Volunteer's (PCV's) visit to your town. After the PCV selects his/her family have him/her acknowledge the checklist by signing it and have it returned to Peace Corps. Please keep a copy for your "gazda".*

**Name of Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If "No", please explain</b>
<i>The community needs to have a reputation for being safe.</i>			
<i>If a host family was used before, it had positive feedback from the previous Volunteer.</i>			
<i>Family is well respected in community.</i>			
<i>There is no alcohol or drug abuse in the family.</i>			
<i>Housing should be in a safe and reasonably well lit neighborhood</i>			
<i>Housing should be within a reasonable distance from the PCV work place.</i>			
<i>Public transportation is available.</i>			
<i>Housing is adequate for the local area.</i>			
<i>No young single female PCVs are to be placed in families with single male young members.</i>			
<i>Hosting PCV will not place undue financial hardship on the family.</i>			
<i>Host family or their neighbors have a telephone.</i>			

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<i>The host family will provide the Volunteer with a set of apartment keys</i>			
<i>Family can provide the PCV with a separate room with a door that locks from inside.</i>			
<i>Host family has been informed that they cannot access PCV room without prior consent.</i>			
<i>The room should be furnished with: comfortable bed with mattress in good condition, a closet or wardrobe, table/desk, two chairs, bookshelf.</i>			
<i>The PCV should have access to bathroom and kitchen (including the fridge and cooking facilities).</i>			
<i>Hot water for at least 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the evening.</i>			
<i>Host family is not the supervisor, close colleague of PCV or family of a student who is taught by the Volunteer.</i>			
<i>The family is welcoming and open to cross cultural exchange.</i>			

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**At the beginning of the Volunteer's stay, the host family, the Volunteer and the Romanian organization (Counterpart) will negotiate the following:**

- *PCV's monetary contribution to shared expenses, based on number of people/number of rooms in the house:*
  - *monthly utilities*
  - *electricity*
  - *telephone (if used by the Volunteer)*
  - *TV/cable TV*
- *PCV's access to cooking and laundry facilities*
- *PCV will get permission to have a water filter installed (provided by the Peace Corps)*
- *House rules regarding guests/overnight guests/get together*

**Special notes:**

- *The Volunteer is responsible for buying and cooking his/her own food.*  
**Exception:** *If the Volunteer and family agree to eating together, they have to negotiate the appropriate compensation*
- *The Volunteer is responsible for cleaning after themselves (own room, kitchen and bathroom)*
- *The rent is to be covered by the Romanian organization*

Date:

Counterpart Signature:

Gazda Signature:

Volunteer Signature:

Safety and Security Coordinator: