

## ACCOMMODATION IN SHARED APARTMENTS

### RULES & REGULATIONS

This solution (private room in an apartment with kitchen and bathroom shared with other students and/or landlord) offers a bit more independence and responsibility than living in homestay. The number of rooms per apartment varies from 1 to 7. Double rooms are usually for students traveling together only.

All the apartments can be reached easily on foot or by bus in about 10-15 minutes. The apartments are furnished and in the kitchen you will find just about everything you need to cook your own meals. Not all of the apartments have an oven, microwave, dishwasher or a washing-machine. We kindly ask you to treat your apartment and roommates with respect and don't make too much noise, especially after 11:00pm.

**ARRIVAL:** on the day of your arrival the landlord will keep a copy of your passport in order to hand it in and report your presence to the Police. **So please make sure to bring two copies of your passport with you.**

**COMMON AREAS:** You are asked to keep the entire apartment clean and tidy at all times. Leave the bathroom as clean as you wish to find it after each use. Please keep the toilet clean and don't hesitate to use the toilet brush that is provided. It's there for you to use! Your landlord will provide clean sheets every two weeks. Italians turn off lights that they are not using, so please do likewise. You are responsible for buying and cooking your own meals.

**GUESTS:** the apartment - including the bedrooms and the common spaces - are for the exclusive use of the students that have been reported to the police by the landlord. **You may only invite guests over with the previous approval from ALL your roommates. Absolutely NO sleepovers are allowed!** Guests must leave the apartment by 11:00pm NO EXEPTIONS.

**HEATING and ELECTRICITY:** In Italy electricity is very expensive and Italians are used to reducing the use of electricity by turning the lights off in rooms that they are not using even momentarily. Students are asked to do likewise.

The Italian Government passed a law in the 70's and renovated it in 1993 which states that:

a) the start date and end of use of heating is fixed by law by geographical areas (in Siena: from November 1 to April 15).

b) indoor temperature is set at 20° C or 68° F

Because of these reasons Italians are not used to living in warm rooms. During the winter time they turn the heating off at night and they wear quite heavy clothes around the house (i.e. wool sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, slippers, etc. not t-shirts or similar light attire). Please do likewise.

The day you arrive, your landlord will also show you how the water heating system works.

**LAUNDRY:** You may wash small garments in the apartment and hang them ONLY on the clothesline not on furniture, bed posts, etc. Ask your landlord if you can't find the clothesline. You must take your loads of laundry to the laundromat. Your landlord or a school representative will be gladly indicate the closest laundromat to your apartment.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU YOUR ADDRESS IN SIENA AND YOUR LANDLORDS PHONE NUMBER.

**TELEPHONE:** Most apartments don't have land-phones. When needed, your family members may phone you at the school between 1:00pm – 2:30pm CET time. Anyone calling from USA must dial 011 39 0577 49533. To call directly from other countries including Italy dial 0039 0577 49533.

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

School: Dante Alighieri Siena  
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Emergency (equivalent to 911): Medical Emergencies: **118**  
Police (Carabinieri): **112**  
Police (Polizia di Stato): **113**  
Fire Department: **115**

Taxi: +39 0577-49222

Landlord name and apartment address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep this document for future reference.