

# USE OF COMMON AREAS

The common areas include the walkway and hallway to your apartment, outdoor areas next to the building, drying rooms, bicycle storage areas, and the stairwell. These common areas may be used equally by all tenants. All of these areas must be kept free of things that might block the way, so everyone can reach them. No furniture, electrical appliances or other objects are allowed to be left there.

## Exception: buildings without elevators

Baby strollers and walkers (rollators) are allowed to be left next to the entrance on the ground floor. But they cannot be left locked to the stair railings. They must be easy to remove in case of an emergency, so they do not block the escape routes.



## WHERE TO LEAVE SHOES

Shoes must be left inside your apartment. You may not leave them in the hallway outside your apartment door. Fire safety rules state that the stairwell and hallways must remain clear so that they can be used as an escape route in case of fire.



### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Shoes must be left in the apartment. Shoes in the stairwell or hallways can be a stumbling hazard and obstruct escape routes.



## CLEANING THE STAIRWELL

The rental contract says whether the tenants take turns cleaning sections of the stairwell, or if this is done by a cleaning service. You can also ask your landlord how it must be done.

## SNOW REMOVAL

It snows in winter and the sidewalks become slippery. The sidewalk in front of the building, and the pathways to the house door and the trash containers must be clear. They are cleared with a shovel and broom. Sometimes sand is also put on the walks. You will find the rules for snow removal in your rental agreement or in the house rules. The rental contract also says whether you have to sweep the snow, or if the landlord has hired a company to do it.



### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Snow removal is necessary to prevent accidents from slipping and falling!

## USE OF THE CELLAR ROOMS

Please use your own cellar storage room to store things. The rooms and areas in the cellar used by all tenants must remain free of personal objects.

If you have something large to throw away (for example, a sofa or mattress), you have to keep it either in your own storage space or in your apartment before properly disposing of it.



## PROHIBITED DUE TO FIRE HAZARD: BARBECUING OUTDOORS

There is a risk of fire when barbecuing. Also, other tenants often feel disturbed by the smoke, the smells, and possibly the increase in noise when more people are there.



### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Barbecuing on the balcony or in the courtyard is usually not allowed, unless there is a special place provided for this purpose. The rules for this are in the rental contract.



## PARKING BICYCLES

Please park your bike only in the places and areas provided for this purpose.

If there is not enough space for bicycles, speak with your landlord. If needed, more parking racks or storage space might be provided.



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