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# Staying at Snerikes Nation

#### Welcome to Uppsala!

Uppsala University Housing Office (UUHO) rents the rooms on Karlsrogatan, Rundelsgränd, Krongatan and S:t Larsgatan from the house owner Södermanland-Nerikes nation (also known as Snerikes nation) and sublets them to international master students at Uppsala University. This is a non-profit assignment, and the purpose is to provide international students with a possibility to acquire affordable and furnished housing without the long queues typical for the Uppsala rental market.

If you have questions you are always welcome to contact us, but we appreciate it if you read the information provided in this booklet first. At the beginning of the semester (August, September, January and February) many students contact us and therefore our response times are a bit longer than usual. You also have access to a lot of information through your account on My pages on our website.

Uppsala University Housing Office hopes that your stay in Uppsala will be rewarding!

More information at: www.housingoffice.se www.uu.se/welcome



Rundelsgränd 1i

# **Membership in Snerikes Nation**

To stay in the accommodation at Södermanland-Nerikes (Snerikes) nation you must become a member of the nation. You find more information in your arrival information.

Please note that your Leasing agreement is with Uppsala University Housing Office (your landlord), not with Snerikes nation. Snerikes nation has their own accommodation office which can help you in certain situations, for example if something is broken in your room, but matters concerning your contract and rent should be directed to UUHO.

#### **About the Snerikes Accommodation**

Snerikes nation is one of the thirteen student nations in Uppsala. The nations are the heart and soul of student social life in Uppsala, offering night clubs, cafés, restaurants, pubs, clubs, associations, sports, orchestras, theater companies and a lot more – by students for students!

Through Snerikes nation UUHO offer 7 rooms designated for non EU/EES tuition-paying master students only. The rooms are in corridors with shared facilities and are located in different parts of Uppsala.

In the classic student block "the triangle", you live close to the city center, many university campuses and other student residential areas. There are plenty of parks and green areas nearby. In this area we offer the following five rooms:

- Krongatan 6A: two rooms of 13 square meters each. The rooms are in so called "triplets" i.e. each share kitchen and bathroom with two other student rooms.
- Karlsrogatan 13: one corridor room of 17 square meters, with private hallway and bathroom. Kitchen is shared with four other student rooms.
- **Karlsrogatan 15:** two corridor rooms of 17 square meters each, with private hallway and bathroom. Kitchen is shared with eight other rooms.

Additionally, two rooms are available in very central locations:

- Rundelsgränd 1i: On this central address you'll live in a beautiful old building
  with the nation's library on the ground floor and with several student nations around the corner. We offer one corridor room here, where kitchen and
  bathroom is shared with two other tenants. This building is commonly known as
  "Stavenowska huset" or "Staven".
- S:t Larsgatan 6B: Is a close neighbour to Rundelsgränd and here you'll live close
  to many student nations, the city center and several university campuses within
  walking distance. On S:t Larsgatan we offer one corridor room of 17 square
  meters with private hallway and bathroom. Kitchen is shared with eight other
  rooms. This building is commonly known as "Arkadien".

All rooms are let with basic furniture and there is a pillow and quilt for the bed in all rooms. Towels and bed linen is not included. The shared kitchens are fully equipped.

# Your postal address

To receive letters and packages to your accommodation, make sure your new address is clearly written on the envelope/package:

Your name Street address room number/lantmäterinummer\* Zip code, Uppsala Sweden

\*You find the "lantmäterinummer" on your contract. It is a 4-digit number.

**NOTE**: You cannot send anything to your new mailbox prior to your arrival in Sweden.

The Swedish postal service will deliver letters and packages directly to your mailbox. If the parcel or envelope is too large to be delivered to the mailbox, the parcel will be delivered to a nearby postal service point and you will instead receive a slip in your mailbox with details on where and when you can go and pick it up.

# **Keys and tags**

All tenants are responsible to keep their keys, tags and/or cards in a safe place. Never keep any information about your address or room number together with your keys. Remember to lock your door when you leave the room.



Karlsrogatan 13-15

# Loss of keys and tags

It is very important that you contact UUHO as soon as possible if you lose your key or tag. If a key is lost or stolen the door lock must be changed. The tenant will be charged of the cost incurred with the new lock, keys and tags. It is very expensive to change a door lock, so for your own sake, keep your keys safe.

If you lose your key during weekends or nights you will need to call Relita for opening assistance: +46 (0)18-155 155. Be prepared to show ID-card or passport and we also recommend you to keep a copy of your contract in your room. This after hour service will attract a fee of approximately 1000 SEK.

#### Insurance

The tenant is obligated to have an adequate home insurance. The tenant will be liable to cover costs for damages in the accommodation caused by neglect or on purpose. Damages and repairs can amount to considerable costs so it is important to make sure you are well protected.

Most exchange students and fee-paying master students are covered by an insurance policy taken by Uppsala University at Kammarkollegiet (the legal, financial and administrative service agency) called STUDENT IN. Check with Kammarkollegiet or Uppsala University if you are covered by the policy and what it includes.

Your home university or home insurance company might be able to inform you concerning home insurance abroad. The Uppsala Student Union (www. uppsalastudent-kar.se) can also assist you in arranging a Swedish home insurance for a reasonable price.



Krongatan 6A

#### Guests

The room that has been allocated to you is the residence of the contracted tenant only. You are responsible for visiting guests and must make sure that guests do not disturb others and respect regulations in the building. The tenant is not allowed to have visitors staying overnight in the room. For guest accommodation please have a look at the website www.studentboet.se (under "Temporary Housing" for a list of hostels and hotels in and around Uppsala).







# Facilities at Snerikes Nation

# Garbage and recycling

In Sweden you are expected to recycle as much of your household waste as possible. There are garbage facilities available for all residents in Snerikes accommodation. The facilities typically have different containers for different kinds of waste. Sort your garbage carefully and make sure that your garbage bag is securely closed before you throw it in the right container.

**Krongatan and Karlsrogatan:** There are containers for combustible waste and food waste right outside the building. At the end of the parking lot along Krongatan you'll find recycling for newspapers, glass and electronic devises as well as a compactor devise that will crush larger items (furniture and cardboard boxes for example).

**Rundelsgränd 1i and S:t Larsgatan 6B:** There are recycling facilities behind the Snerikes nation (S:t Larsgatan 4) that tenants can use. You'll find a recycling shed that you can access with the code: 0891 as well as containers for glass (sort by coloured and uncoloured glass containers) and a compactor devise that will crush larger items (furniture and cardboard boxes for example).

Common fractions in swedish recycling facilities are:

- Kompost (food waste) everything that can decompose into soil: leftovers, eggshell, coffee-grounds, unbleached kitchen paper.
- Plast (Plastic packagings) Plastic containers, tooth paste tubes, ketchup bottles, etc.
- Pappersförpackningar (Paper packaging) All packagings containing at least 50% paper.
   This includes milk cartons, cardboard, waxed paper, empty toilet rolls and paper grocery bags.
- Metall (metal containers) Food tins, metal tubes for mustard, mayonnaise or such, aluminum foil, vegetable cans.
- Färgat glas, ofärgat glas (Coloured glass, uncoloured glass) Glass containers, glass bottles, glass jars. Divide them into clear, see-through glass and coloured glass.
- Brännbart (combustible) Burnable waste that cannot be reused or recycled other than
  by their energy content. For example: envelopes, cotton, cleaning waste, rubber, wood,
  plastic items like toothbrushes and dish brushes.
- Batterier (batteries) old empty batteries of any kind.

Garbage that you cannot recycle in your housing area should be brough to one of the municipalities recycling stations. Here you can leave almost all kinds of waste, for example batteries, clothes, broken furniture, light bulbs, broken electrical goods, cooking oil, broken plates and drinking glasses.

For more information, visit www.uppsala.se.



Krongatan and Karlsrogatan



Recycling facility at Snerikes nation

#### Laundry room

In your accommodation area there are common washing facilities (Swedish: Tvättstuga) that you are welcome to use. Using the laundry room is free of charge but you must bring your own detergents.

**Krongatan 6A:** There are 2 laundry rooms in the basement of Krongatan 6A. You must book a time in advance to use the facilities. Outside the laundry room is a booking list where you can sign up for an available time slot. There is an app called "Bookease" that also can be used.

**Karlsrogatan 13-15:** Tenants will find a laundry room in the basement of Karlsrogatan 11-13, entrance from the street. Laundry room behind door marked "Tvättstuga" and you use your apartment key to open. This facility is open 24/7 and cannot be booked in advance. You can use whatever machine that is free at the moment.

Rundelsgränd 1i and S:t Larsgatan 6B: Tenants at these addresses can use the laundry facility located in the backyard of S:t Larsgatan 6B (See picture). This facility cannot be booked in advance. You can use whatever machine that is free at the moment.

When finishing up in the common laundry room, make sure to leave it tidy and clean for the next person. There are instructions posted in the laundry that you should follow when using the facility.

# **Bicycle storage**

Tenants at S:t Larsgatan 6B have access to a bicycle storage room in the building. It is the door to the right of entrance at S:t Larsgatan 6B.

Tenants at Karlsrogatan 13-15 have access to a bicycle storage room in the basement "Cykelrum".

Your room key gives you access. The other Snerikes addresses does not have bicycle storage rooms but but there are bicycle parking right outside the front door of the buildings. Make sure you have an adequate lock on your bicycle when parked outside or in a bicycle storage room.



Laundry room at S:t Larsgatan 6B

# Fire protection

Every room has a fire alarm installed in the ceiling. You are responsible to regularly check that the alarm is working and change batteries when needed. There is usually a button on the alarm itself that is used for testing the device. If the alarm makes a beep sound every ten minutes, it needs new batteries.

If the alarm seems broken or is missing, please report this immediately to the house owner: http://snerikes.se/bostader/felanmalan/; phone: +46-(0)18-52 30 01; e-mail: bostad@snerikebostader.se.

**NOTE**: Costs associated with fire alarms triggered by carelessness will be charged to the tenant causing the alarm. Pay attention while cooking, be careful not to cause any smoke that might trigger the fire alarm and never leave any candle lights unattended.

It is strictly forbidden to clog the fire alarm with paper or other items. This kind of behaviour puts your life and the lives of others in danger and is utterly unacceptable.

Due to fire safety reasons, it is important to keep the shared areas, corridors and staircases free from any object, including shoes, doormats, bikes and garbage. These areas must be kept clear at all times as they are emergency escape paths in the event of a fire or other incident.

# Maintenance and services

#### Maintenance

Your room will be your home for some time and we expect you to take well care of it. Sharing a kitchen and other common areas with other students can be very rewarding, but also sometimes quite challenging. Check out our website for some tips on how you can go about setting up routines for a functional, happy student corridor.

Cleaning and upkeep of the room is the student's own responsibility. Cleaning and upkeep of the common areas in the corridor, such as the kitchen and living room is shared between all tenants, normally on a weekly rota. This also includes taking out the garbage and waste to the recycling facilities.

The tenants of a corridor must buy detergents used for cleaning the kitchen themselves. Often the students living in the corridor have a common fund to buy common supplies. Please collaborate with your neighbours, be helpful, and clean up after yourself.

#### We kindly ask you to respect a couple of rules:

- Furniture must not be removed from the room. You are personally responsible for furniture and equipment in your room.
- Posters, tape or other things that may damage the walls are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the buildings.
- Respect your neighbors' need for privacy and silence, especially after 10 pm.
- When using the common kitchen, make sure that you remove your things and clean up afterwards. Remove the garbage regularly.
- Do not throw away any oil (like frying oil) from cooking, in the sink. The oil should be collected and taken to a recycling facility.
- Do not store any waste or garbage in your room or in common areas.
- Clean the bathroom, especially the drains regularly, both in the shower and in the sink.
   Keep bathroom door open after taking a shower and clean walls regularly to avoid that mold starts to develop.



# **Fault report**

If anything is missing, malfunctioning or broken in your accommodation—make a fault report. Regular maintenance by the caretakers is free of charge. In the beginning of the semester the caretakers have a lot to do when so many tenants move in at the same time. Therefore, the wait is a bit longer during these periods, so please be patient. Urgent problems will of course be prioritized.

Make sure that your service request includes your address, room number, e-mail address and phone number (preferably Swedish). You should always write in the request if you allow the caretakers to enter your room with a service key if you are not at home. This will make it easier for the caretakers and they can fix the problem sooner.

All problems concerning **furniture**, **plumbing**, **heating**, **electricity** or **other installations** in the house should be reported to the house owner through their website: http://snerikes.se/bostader/felanmalan.

For **urgent matters concerning plumbing, electricity and such** during week-ends and nights, contact Relita: +46(0)18-155 155.

**NOTE**: non-urgent matters should not be reported to the emergency after hours services. If it can wait until the next weekday – report it to the regular number. Costs for reports made unnecessarily to the emergency number may be invoiced to the tenant.

Reporting a problem to the wrong instance (House owner/UUHO) may result in unnecessary costs. If you are unsure of where to report a problem, you can log onto My pages or contact our office for guidance.

If the problem is not solved within 7-10 days, please contact UUHO and we will help you check the progress.

Some things you are expected to take care of yourself, like changing light bulbs, cleaning the drains and replacing fuses (read more under section "fuses"). For example, if the light doesn't work you must buy a new light bulb yourself, and change it. If the light still doesn't work with a new light bulb – then please make a fault report to the house owner: http://snerikes.se/bosta-der/felanmalan.

#### Disturbances

In apartment buildings you must tolerate a certain degree of noise from your neighbours, however, it should be quiet after 10 pm. Be respectful of your neighbours.

#### Internet

Internet is provided through an agreement between the house owner and an external supplier: Bredband2. In order to have access to internet you must buy/bring your own net cable, there is no wifi.

For internet support contact Snerikes Accommodation Office: +46(0)18-52 30 01, bostad@snerikebostader.se.

Sometimes, one of our tenants leave their router in the room when they move out. We typically don't throw this kind of equipment away, so we leave them for the next student arriving. Please note that we do not offer any replacement or technical support for the connection through routers left behind by tenants.

#### Heating

The heating system in the building is regulated centrally and the radiators typically have a thermostat that controls the radiator according to the temperature in your room. You can expect 20 degrees in the room and the radiators are tuned to this temperature. If the temperature drops below 20 degrees, the radiators will automatically heat up but when the temperature reaches 20 degrees, they will cool down again.

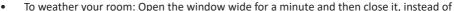
If the temperature in your rooms is consistently lower than 20 you should make a fault report to the house owner: http://snerikes.se/bostader/felanmalan. Please note that you must measure the temperature yourself before making a report. Use a calibrated thermometer and measure in the middle of the room. If the thermometer shows temperatures below 20 (+/- 1 degree if outside temperatures are shifting), make a fault report.

20 degrees is the standard temperature provided in Swedish rental apartments where heating is included in the rent. We all experience temperatures differently and 20 degrees may seem cold, especially in the autumn when the outside temperatures starts to drop. **NOTE:** it is not allowed to use extra radiators as they may overload the electrical system and due to high electricity rates, may result in extra costs for the tenant.

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#### Here are a few quick tips for comfort:

- Make sure not to put furniture or curtains in front of the radiator as they may prevent heat from spreading in the room.
- Close curtains or blinds during cold nights to reduce heat loss through the window.
- Wear a sweater and warm socks if you are inactive in your room, to keep yourself comfortable





leaving the window open for a long time.

#### **Fuses**

The electricity in your room is connected through a fuse box located in your accommodation or in the shared facilities. If the system is overloaded or short circuited, a fuse will switch off to protect the electrical system of the building. If this happens follow these steps:

- 1. Make sure to unplug any device that may have caused the problem.
- 2. Check the fuse box to see if one of the fuses has blown.
- 3. There are two types of fuses: automatic fuse switches and porcelain fuses than you must change when blown.
  - **a.** Automatic fuses can simply be switched on again after you have unplugged the device causing the electrical problem.
  - **b.** Porcelain switches has a little coloured circle in the middle of the fuse if it has detached, the fuse is blown and must be unscrewed and replaced with a new. You can buy these at most supermarkets or hardware stores. Bring the old one to make sure you buy the right kind.
- 4. If the problem persists or if you cannot locate the cause, make a fault report to the house



owner: http://snerikes.se/bostader/felanmalan.

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# Vermin and pests

If you suspect your room has got vermin or pests it is important that you report this immediately to Uppsala University Housing Office: info@housingoffice.se, and to Snerikes Accommodation Office, phone: +46-(0)18-52 30 01; e-mail: bostad@snerikebostader.se.

The exterminators contracted by the house owner will provide all the information you need about what you must do to get rid of the vermin. The house owner has its own insurance and there will be no charges for you if you report the problem immediately when discovered.

