

# LIFE IN THE APARTMENT

This information sheet covers a couple of important tips and points about living in an apartment in Germany.



## DRYING LAUNDRY

When possible, use the spaces provided in your building for this. For example, there might be a drying room in the attic or the basement.



## DRYING LAUNDRY IN THE APARTMENT

Drying laundry in an apartment makes the room's air very damp. When you dry laundry in your apartment, take note of the following points so that the air won't get too damp.

➔ **TIP 1 – Drying laundry in an apartment in warm summer months:**

*Place the clothes drying rack close to an open window. This way, the dampness can easily escape. Keep the window open for a little while after the clothes are dry so that as much water as possible can go outside.*



➔ **TIP 2 – Drying laundry in cold months during the heating period:**

*Make sure to air out the room well, so the damp air can escape. Repeat the airing-out procedure several times a day.*



### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

#### *Danger from mold/mildew*

If you do not follow these directions for drying laundry, this can cause mold to grow. Black, grey, green or reddish spots are a sign of mold. This can cause health problems.



### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

If you see mold, you **must** inform your landlord!

## CLEANING THE FLOORS

### CARPETS

Carpets should only be cleaned by vacuuming.

➔ **TIP 3:** All floors should be cleaned regularly with a vacuum cleaner.

### SMOOTH FLOORS LIKE WOOD

➔ **TIP 4:** Make sure you get as much water out of the mop as possible. Wood floors (or surfaces that look like wood) can be damaged with too much water.



#### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Be very careful with wooden floors. Do not use too much water. Wash them very lightly, and clean up spilled liquids immediately. If you don't, the floors can be damaged permanently.



## BUILT IN KITCHENS AND OTHER FURNISHINGS BELONGING TO THE APARTMENT

If there are such things as kitchen furnishings in the apartment when you move in, they belong to the landlord, but your rental contract allows you to use them.

These things belong to the apartment. You are not allowed to change them or replace them or remove them. If you want to make changes, or repairs are needed, contact your landlord.



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