

## REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Some collective agreements contain rules about overnight stays in connection with work.

If you are covered by a collective agreement in Denmark, you can contact your trade union for more information about the rules.

## REQUIREMENTS IN THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT ACT

If the construction site is in a remote location, for example in a forest or on an island, your employer has a duty make accommodation available while you are working on the construction site.

You can call Arbejdstilsynet on **70 12 12 88** if your accommodation is subject to health and safety legislation and you believe that something is wrong.



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# A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD

The most important rules about accommodation in Denmark while working in construction

No matter whether your accommodation is organised by your employer, the main contractor or yourself, there are rules about how you should live while you are working in Denmark. The rules on accommodation apply no matter whether you are staying on a camp site near the construction site, at a hotel, or with a private landlord.



## WHERE YOU CAN STAY IN DENMARK

Accommodation must be approved as suitable for residence by the municipality. Otherwise it is illegal to stay there. Therefore, for example, it is illegal to stay in an abandoned building, or in a tent on a random field or in a forest.

Neither is it permitted to stay on the construction site, for example in a site hut. This requires that the contractor has had permission from the municipality.

## HOW YOU CAN STAY IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION IN DENMARK

You can check yourself whether your accommodation is legal. If a house or a flat does not meet the requirements on the following page, the accommodation cannot be approved for residence and therefore you cannot stay in it.



## THE ACCOMMODATION MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS:

- 1** There must be an escape route from every room so that you can get out quickly in the event of a fire.
- 2** There must be at least one window to the outside in each room through which daylight can come in.
- 3** There must be at least 2.3 m from ceiling to floor in every room in a house. In flats there must be at least 2.5 m from ceiling to floor.
- 4** The floor of each room must not be lower than the outside ground level. However, it is permitted to stay in a room where although the floor is below ground level at one wall, the floor is above ground level along at least one window wall (e.g. on a slope).

If you are in doubt about whether your accommodation is legal, contact **borgerservice** (the municipal service centre) in the municipality in which the accommodation is located. In Copenhagen, Aarhus, Odense and Aalborg you can also contact the **International Citizen Service**.