

## Searching for your own housing in Copenhagen- Exchange students

### Own network:

Ask your family or friends if they know people that live in Copenhagen; it is easier to find a room when you are part of a Danish network.

You can also try to get in contact with Danes through scout groups, sports associations, clubs (ex: Rotary or Lions) and expats associations.

### Rent an apartment/room:

Please remember that finding a room in Copenhagen for the fall semester is difficult and it requires a tremendous amount of time to search and find something suitable, so remember to be very proactive. You can make it happen! I quote one of our exchange students:

*"Finding accommodations in Copenhagen is incredibly difficult. My one piece of advice would be to start early. Start looking for an apartment before the dorms are available. In that case, if you do not get in to them like me you will have already started the apartment process".*

We have seen that many of our exchange students have successfully found private housing. Some of the exchange students during the fall 2015 shared with us how they experienced their private housing search and what was useful for them and what not.

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This is what they told us:

- **BoligPortal.dk** = lots of houses. But after sending 100's of messages, only a few replied, and asked to attend a showing with no sort of guarantee. I found my accommodation with a paid boligportal account. However, do not be too hopeful of this medium, since I only got one personal reply (my housing contractor) out of the 40ish messages I sent.
- **Boligsurf.dk** = useless: all are re-posts from other sites, and as a result, out of date.
- **DBA & Craigslist** = 99% are scams, don't bother
- **Findbolig.nu** = the site never really worked for me and the search function never gave a result
- **Findroomate.dk** = an okay amount of supply, never got a reply back, huge demand. Anything associated with findroomate I think would be a waste of money. All the rooms on lejebolig are on Findroomate so I wouldn't recommend it personally as it's expensive and you get nowhere.
- **Housinganywhere.com** = a huge amount of demand, not much supply, must get lucky.
- **KIKK** = pretty much useless, it seems you should be on the waiting list before anyone even knows they're going to CBS. I applied in May, highest on any waiting lists is 260th.

- **Airbnb** = a decent amount of supply, but expensive, generally easy to use and get replies, if you have the budget, probably the best, just need to be quick to get to people. With Airbnb, everything is in English, so foreign students will find it easier to understand.
- **Facebook groups** (e.g. "Housing in Copenhagen"), are much more dynamic than other platforms and make you sure that your messages will be read, as most people use it also for other purposes and check it regularly, and above all it is free of charge; of course this dynamism requires an active participation and continuous checking of new ads.

### Facebook:

There are some Facebook Private Housing groups that you may want to become friends with, here is a list:

- Roommate Copenhagen
- Living in Copenhagen
- Copenhagen/København- flat/room to rent
- Erasmus Copenhagen 2015-2016
- Copenhagen rent housing for young people and students, free and secure
- Cph housing. Easy rent out. Find lejer og boliger i København.
- Trampoline house: Copenhagen refugee community
- Job,buy/sell, accomodation Copenhagen
- Accommodation / housing in Copenhagen
- Cph flat!
- Norske studenter ved cbs

Tip: It might be a good idea to post regularly to stay visible.

Get in contact with students from your own university or country who are studying full time at CBS; they might give good advice and maybe help you to find housing. They may even have a room to sublet.

Here are some words that you may find useful when looking for rooms in Copenhagen:

- Leje: rent
- Bolig: apartment
- Værelse: room
- Fremleje: sublet

Other private housing offers available:

- **Dorm rooms:** <http://universitypost.dk/article/top-10-student-housing-copenhagen>
- **CBSflat.com** for students that have parents with companies, they have to be contacted from the beginning.
- **www.AkutBolig.dk**

- [www.Ledige-lejligheder.dk](http://www.Ledige-lejligheder.dk)
- [www.Boligbesked.dk](http://www.Boligbesked.dk)
- [Erasmusu.com](http://Erasmusu.com)
- [StudentMundial](http://StudentMundial)
- [Movingsolved.com](http://Movingsolved.com), [video on how does it work](#)

**For the fall 2015, we can show you where our students found private housing on their own:**

Air bnb	87
Facebook	9
Findroomate.dk	2
cbsflat.dk	2
Friend/familly	24
Red apple	1
Housing Anywhere	5
Buddy	3
Cbsflat.dk	2
lejebolig.dk	3
Findroomate.dk	2
www.hay4you.com	1
Real estate	1
www.loong.dk	1

#### **Living outside central Copenhagen:**

Living in the outskirts of Copenhagen can be an opportunity to have a Danish day to day life experience and it can be cheaper than leaving in central Copenhagen. Please note that the Danish public transport system is excellent, so you should not have any problems. See map below:

Students usually choose zones 1, 2 and 3 to live in.

However, getting to zones 30, 31, 32 and 33 it does not take longer than 20 minutes.

You are welcome to use Denmark's transport planer [rejseplanen.dk](http://rejseplanen.dk) for more information.

