



Kristianstads
kommun



Housing information

Finding somewhere to live

Housing is available in different forms and with different types of contract – you can rent a house or an apartment with either a direct contract or a subletting contract, you can live as a lodger in somebody else’s home, or you can buy your own apartment. Finding somewhere to live can take some time and we have gathered together some advice and suggestions to help you.

Housing queue

To obtain a direct rental contract (‘förstahandskontrakt’ – i.e. a contract in your name, between you and the landlord), you usually have to join a housing queue. You can register with a range of different housing associations and housing agents via their websites. Sometimes you may have to pay a small fee in order to join a queue, but it may also be free. You need to log in to the website at regular intervals in order to keep your place in the queue.

Bear in mind that you can broaden your search to include different municipal areas, towns and rural areas. Even if you do not have access to a car, there are many smaller towns that are close enough to make commuting a reasonable option and that also have good public transport, schools and grocery stores.

Lodging or subletting contracts

In larger towns, it can often be difficult to have the chance of obtaining a direct rental contract. An alternative is to look at the market for indirect rentals, in the form of lodging (‘inneboende’) or subletting a home (‘andrahandskontrakt’). A lodging contract means that you share your apartment with one or more people. A

subletting contract means that you rent a home from another person who either owns it or has a direct rental contract for it.

Search for a home in the whole of Sweden

A wide-ranging residential search means that you search for a home throughout the entire country. You can telephone directly to various different municipal councils in Sweden and get advice about their housing market and the best way to find a home in their area.

You can find a list of all of Sweden's municipal councils on the website of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL). The municipal councils' telephone numbers can be found on their own websites. Search on the council websites – most will have a list of private and municipal housing associations.

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL)

<https://skl.se/tjanster/kommunerlandsting>

The biggest housing associations in the municipality

<https://www.kristianstad.se/bostadsupplysning>

Temporary accommodation

If you are in need of temporary accommodation for a few days or during a transitional period you can perform your own searches on the internet. There are many websites with suggestions and tips regarding cottages, holiday homes and hostels, etc. that are available for rent. If you are in need of temporary accommodation for a longer period, try calling the landlord/organization to ask if it is possible to rent at a cheaper price.

If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, you can use a computer at the Library or the civic center at Rådhus Skåne.

If you find the Swedish language difficult, you can contact RådRum, www.radrumskane.se.

Search for available housing

www.blocket.se, www.kvalster.se, www.samtrygg.se, www.facebook.com, www.ksk.nu (primarily for students or for non-students who wish to sublet).

Housing associations/landlords may also advertise available housing in local newspapers – usually at weekends.

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www.allarum.se, www.stugknuten.com, www.booking.com

For more information

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