

## **Youth Hostel Rules**

The DJH hopes that a stay in its hostels will be an enjoyable experience for all its visitors. Youth hostels offer a multitude of opportunities for our guests to meet each other and bring together people of all age groups and from different cultural backgrounds, all with their own individual ways of behaving and needs. All youth hostels have house rules intended to cater for these different needs and to make your stay enjoyable. We kindly request that all guests follow these rules. Group leaders and teachers bear the responsibility for their groups.

### **Arrival**

Visitors with a reservation can arrange their arrival times individually with the hostel management. Promised beds will be kept for you until 6 p.m. If they have not been claimed by then, they may be given to other visitors.

Visitors without a reservation can enquire by telephone or personally to find out if there is room for them in the hostel.

Youth hostel services are provided only for members of the German Youth Hostels Association (DJH) or other national youth hostels associations. German residents can join the German Youth Hostels Association at the hostel, foreign visitors without a youth hostels membership can buy an International Guest Card (Welcome Stamps).

### **Staying in a Youth Hostel**

Sleeping accommodation in youth hostels is provided in shared rooms and is normally separate for male and female visitors. Families can be accommodated in one room upon request, providing a room is available.

The association depends on a helping hand from our visitors. We need your assistance with keeping the equipment, rooms and objects you have used during your stay in good order or with setting and clearing tables.

The youth hostels are committed to the conservation of nature and protection of our environment. Visitors are thus requested to separate their waste or avoid it completely, and to be economical in their use of electricity, heating and water.

Food may not be prepared or eaten in bedrooms. Due to fire protection requirements, insurance standards and health regulations, the use of electrical appliances for the preparation of food or hot beverages is not permitted.

Smoking is prohibited in the Youth Hostel.

Visitors are not allowed to consume alcoholic drinks purchased outside the premises in the hostel or on the hostel grounds. The management reserves the right to expel anyone who has had too much to drink from the premises.

Animals are generally not allowed into the hostel. An exception can be made for service and guide dogs for the blind by arrangement with the hostel management.

Youth hostels are generally open until 10 p.m.

The quiet time for sleeping is from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Out of courtesy to fellow visitors, please be very quiet during this time.

Please be considerate towards other visitors, especially when you are using electronic media.

## **Departure**

Bedrooms must be vacated before 10 a.m.

Exceptions can be made by arrangement with the hostel management.

## **Management rights**

The hostel management or its agent act as agents of the responsible organisation.

The management reserves the right to refuse entry to any person violating the hostel rules. The management will give reasons verbally for such action to any visitor refused entry.

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*These hostel rules were adopted by the General Assembly on November 15, 2008 in Bremen.*