

# Housing in Fribourg

Switzerland is a safe country - but scams are possible

## What students need to know when looking for housing in Fribourg

### Housing Scams:

The University of Fribourg does not directly offer housing. New students are provided with links on the university's website. However, it is important to **BE AWARE OF SCAMS**. Especially with regards to personally posted advertisements on AGEF or Facebook pages. We recommend contacting student dormitories directly. See links and more information on the University of Fribourg's [Housing webpages](#).

### To be Aware:

When viewing the AGEF Website and Unifr Facebook pages, note that available rooms are posted by individuals - **THESE ARE NOT CHECKED FOR VALIDITY** - so a scam is unfortunately possible.

#### Always **FIRST CHECK** the following:

- Validity of Apartment
- Who is leasing the apartment?
- Photos/Video of the Apartment
- Requirement of Upfront Payment



### Red Flags

Scammers often use false identity documents. Verify the apartment's existence — an address may be real, but the apartment number could be fake. Be aware of anyone rushing you to sign a contract. **DO NOT** make advance payments especially for several months of rent. Scammers may ask you to send payments to another person. **THIS is a RED FLAG!**

### Verify Before You Commit

**Do NOT** sign a contract or send money without verifying the apartment's existence. It may be possible to confirm ownership through the **Land Registry of Fribourg**, ideally in person. Research thoroughly—while the process may be stressful, **take the time to verify all information** before making any payments or signing a contract.

### Recommended

When looking for housing:

- Prioritize renting only from dorms in Fribourg, e.g. Foyer Beauséjour / St. Justin, Salesianum / Salvatorhaus.
- Only consider moving to private accommodation when in Fribourg.
- Reach out to [IBL Student Affairs](#) with any questions – we may be able to provide guidance.