
Practical Orientation

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics
Summer 2025

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All European emergency number:

112

BSM 24/7 EMERGENCY NUMBER

+ 36 20 628 5562

ANNA or ORSI

CONTACT BSM / STAFF

Via email or phone

**NO text messages, Whatsapp
or FB messenger**

Swiss Clinic 24/7 Medical Emergency Numbers

+36 30 992 0387

YOU ARE A GOLD CARD MEMBER

**Swiss Clinic emergency service
helps over the phone
& at your home & in their clinics
any hospitalization
should be covered by your
insurance**

More info at
www.bsmath.hu

SAFETY ISSUES

**SAFETY MEANS
LOOKING
OUT FOR
EACH
OTHER**



Being of a “visible minority” in Budapest

- Budapest is multicultural
 - In the countryside you may be a curiosity
 - People judge by your clothes first of all
 - You will primarily be viewed as a tourist
 - Prepare for being stared at
 - ... and microaggression
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**Always lock the
doors of your
apartment –
even if you are
inside.**

**Do not leave your
stuff on the
corridors!**





Beware of pickpockets

Especially on trams 4-6 and 2

Do not use unmarked taxis

The price/km should be
displayed!

Suggestion: use

Bolt app

Or Uber Taxi



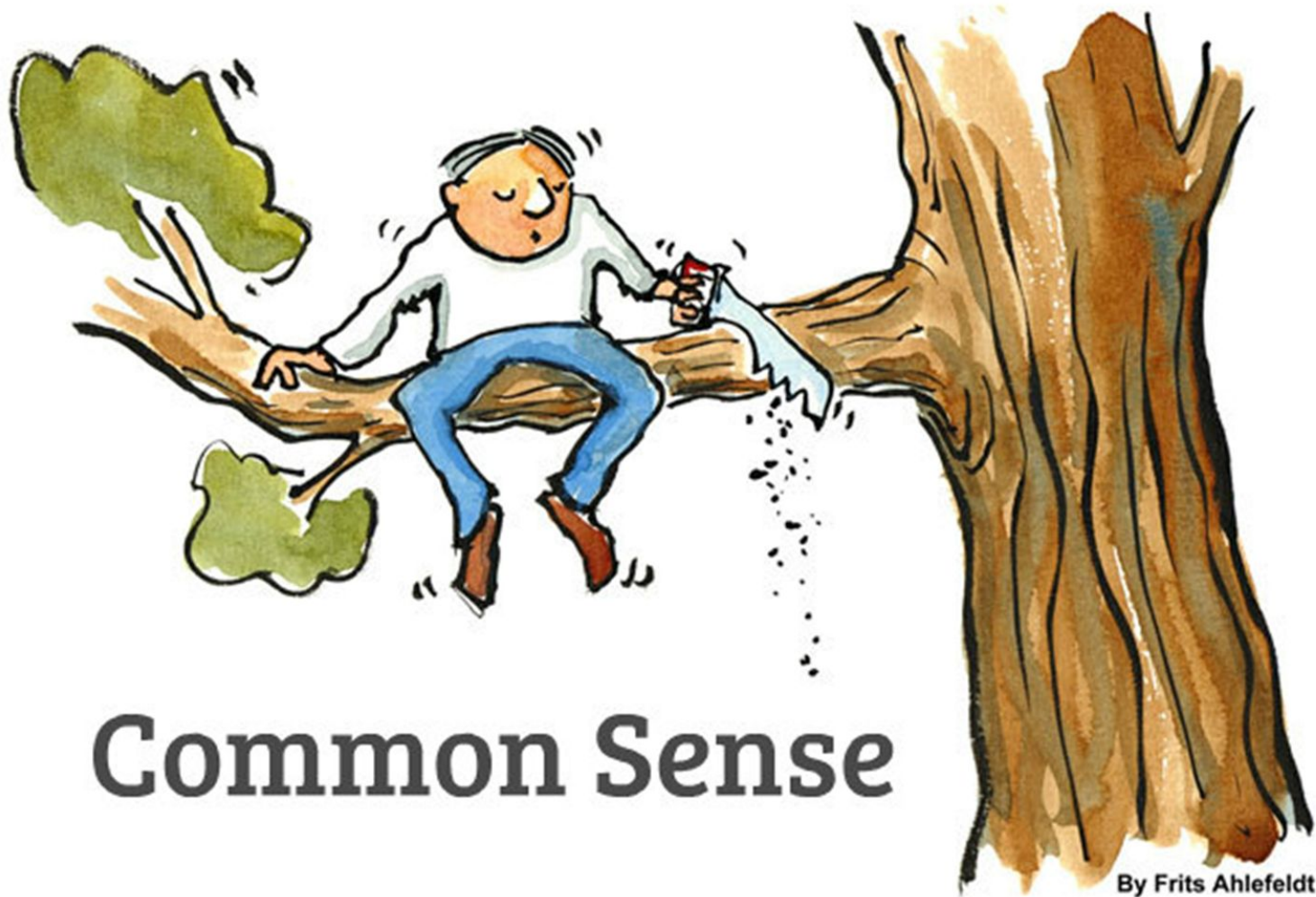


**Use common sense
when making
friends on the
street**

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DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DRINKS UNATTENDED





Common Sense

By Frits Ahlefeldt

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SECURITY AND SAFETY



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Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

Last Updated on 11/17/2010

To better serve U.S. citizens in Hungary, ACS regularly updates its Warden system. The Warden system is designed to ensure that U.S. citizens receive timely information about natural disasters, civil emergencies or anything else that could affect their safety while in Hungary.

The Warden system for Hungary has been broken down into smaller units, according to districts, counties and/or by organizations. We would like to enroll every U.S. citizen in each of these regions and to identify U.S. citizen Wardens who would assist the Embassy to inform other U.S. citizens in their area of fast-breaking news. In general, Warden duties are not time-consuming, but could be vital in times of emergency.

U.S. citizens around the world who travel or reside abroad can access a newly launched Department of State web site for enrolling their foreign

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Please visit our [Disaster Preparedness page](#)

Find practical advice and links to further information.

ON-LINE ENROLLMENT



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*For more on safety,
visit relevant pages
of the US Embassy
in Budapest.*

*Enroll in their
Smart Traveler
program.*

LIVING in BUDAPEST

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Hungary has ZERO
tolerance on drugs
(and alcohol, when
driving - even
scooters)





**In Europe, always
carry an ID with you
– police can stop and
check on you!**

**→ In Budapest: your driver's
licence & copy of your
passport's data page
NOT your passport**



The police always
has a uniform

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You are
NOT eligible
for a student pass
on the Budapest Public Transport



International
and other
specialty food



Sending packages

**Beware of
customs
and special rules**
eg for medicine,
if sent from outside
the Schengen zone

**Mail order from
within the
Schengen
region**

eg if amazon, then
amazon.**de** or amazon.**it**

Postal address

Your name

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics

Bethlen Gabor ter 2

Budapest

Hungary, 1071

SIM CARDS

- ~~Vodafone~~ ONE
- Yettel
- T-com

*You need your
passport to buy a
sim card!*

Your Housing

Ground rules:

- Make yourself at home.
- Please respect your neighbors.
- Don't smoke in the apartment.
- Keep the apartment in the same condition as it was received
- Report problems/damages to the landlord immediately

Read Your contract!

- Clean the apartment at least every two weeks – can get a cleaning person do that.
- If cleaning is provided by the landlord, make sure the cleaning person can get into the apartment and has room to clean.
- Take out the garbage, wash dishes regularly/daily
- Recycle paper and plastic/metal
- Nothing can be put on the walls unless previously discussed with the landlord.
- Do not throw or poured solid stuff into the drains
- If anything breaks or goes out of order let the landlord know ASAP.

NO PARTIES IN THE APARTMENTS

Quiet time 10pm - 8am and on weekends

**Help maintain a good relationship with
the landlords!**

Contact Anna for mediation

Health & Mental Health @ BSM

Gold Card Services at the Swiss Clinic

- Included in your tuition
- Up to 6 visits with doctors/house calls
- Labs as needed

For appointments: +36 1 225 0566, 8am-8pm, Mon- Fri

English speaking

You will have to use your own insurance

- if you need hospitalization or
- you need any medical help outside of Budapest (in Hungary and abroad) or
- if you go to another service provider in Budapest, not the Swiss clinic or
- You visit/have a house call from the Swiss clinic the 7th time or more

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Other English services, using your insurance

DUNA MEDICAL



FIRSTMED



... and many more

Mental Health Counselors

Ms Eniko Johnston-Szucs

johnstonszucszeniko@aol.com

Wednesdays 4 - 7pm, in 219



Mr Martin Farkas

martinOfarkas@gmail.com

Tuesdays 5-8pm, in 219



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Travelling

Always let us know where you travel, when you are expected back



by email to

office@bsmath.hu

Important Dates

- ➔ **June 6, 4pm, Academic orientation**
@ BSM, Bethlen Gabor ter 2, room 102
- ➔ **June 10, 5pm, Welcome reception**
@ BSM, Bethlen Gabor ter 2, courtyard!
- ➔ **June 10, 8:15am, classes start**
- ➔ **June 13, Noon, registration deadline**

For more dates, see the [Academic calendar](#)

LET US KNOW
