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# Practical Orientation

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics  
Spring 2024

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All European emergency number:

**112**

# **BSM 24/7 EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**+ 36 20 628 5562**

**ANNA or ORSI**

**No text messages!**

**Swiss Clinic  
emergency health service**

**helps over the phone  
& at your home & in their clinics**

**any hospitalization should be covered  
by your insurance**

**Swiss Clinic 24/7**  
**Medical Emergency Numbers**

**+36 30 992 0387**

***YOU ARE A GOLD CARD MEMBER***

**More info at**  
**[www.bsmath.hu](http://www.bsmath.hu)**

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# SAFETY ISSUES



**SAFETY MEANS  
LOOKING  
OUT FOR  
EACH  
OTHER**



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# 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.**

**At BSM do not leave  
your stuff  
unattended in the  
corridors!**





# Beware of pickpockets

Especially on trams 4-6 and 2

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## Do not use unmarked taxis

The price/km should be  
displayed!

Suggestion: use

*Bolt app*



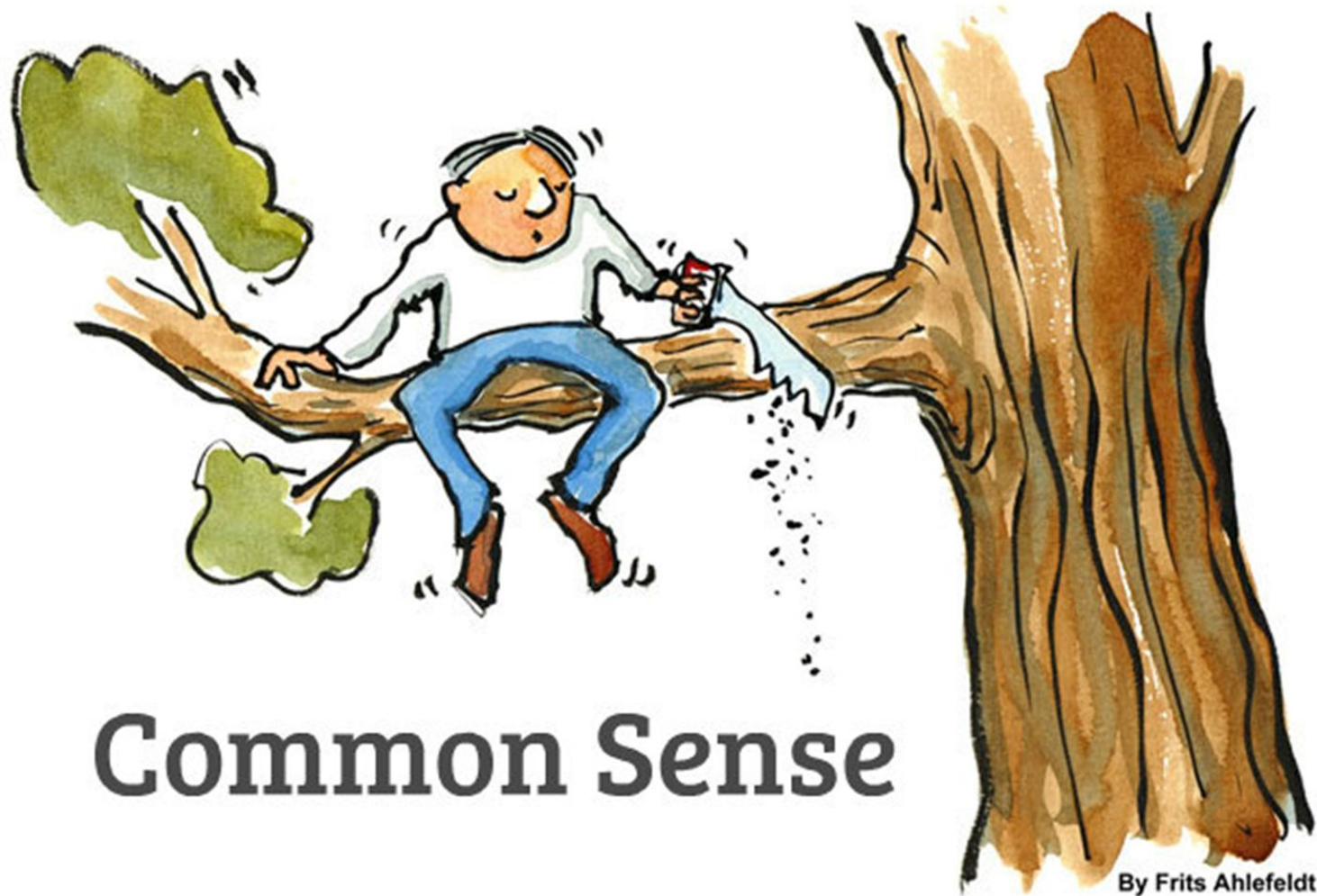


**Use common sense  
when making  
friends on the  
street**

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# DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DRINKS UNATTENDED





# Common Sense

By Frits Ahlefeldt





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## U.S. Citizen Services

### SECURITY AND SAFETY


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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.

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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



Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

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

*Enroll in their Smart Traveler program.*

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# LIVING in BUDAPEST

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**Hungary has ZERO**  
**tolerance on drugs**  
(and alcohol, when  
driving – this includes  
scooters!)





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

- your residency permit
- until you get it: eg your driver's licence & copy of your passport's data page



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



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# 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

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# Mailing Address

*Your name*

**BSM**

**Bethlen Gabor ter 2**

**Budapest**

**1071 Hungary**

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# SIM CARDS

- Vodafone
- Yettel
- T-com

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

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# 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**

# 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 pour solid stuff into the drains
- If anything breaks or goes out of order let the landlord know ASAP.

**Discuss with your landlord  
how your electricity and gas  
will be calculated!**

**Please, be understanding – we have a  
quota system which may change  
suddenly – we, Hungarians do not  
know ahead of time either**

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

**Contact Anna/Orsi for mediation**

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# Health & Mental Health @ BSM



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## Gold Card Services at the Swiss Clinic

- Included in your tuition
- Up to 12 visits with doctors/house calls
- Labs as needed

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

*English speaking*

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## Other English services, using your insurance

**DUNA MEDICAL**



**FIRSTMED**



**... and many more**

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# Mental Health Team

Ms Eniko Johnston-Szucs

mental health counselor



Mr Martin Farkas

clinical psychologist



Ms Andrea Turner

clinical psychologist



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**Expect an email with  
more info and on  
SMALL GROUP SESSIONS**

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# Covid Protocol

- tests/masks are available in 219
- if you have to stay at home - classes can be followed online
- for more details see the “[Covid Protocol](#)”

The protocol may change!

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# Traveling and Immigration

# Did you arrive with a D VISA?

## → If YES

You must stay in Hungary until you receive your residency permit card.

Afterwards always travel with your passport and residency permit card.

## → If NO and you have a non-Schengen passport

Until the 90th day of entering the Schengen zone you are a tourist and can travel freely within the Schengen zone.

Always travel with your passport and have the consular certificate at hand just in case.

## → If NO and you have a Schengen passport

You can travel freely. Always carry the Schengen passport when travelling.



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



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# Important Dates

- Jan 17th, course list to be posted
- Jan 28th, pre-registration data due  
*email*
- Jan 28th, research qual problems due
- Feb 5th, semester starts

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- **Feb 5th, 8am, Academic Orientation**  
@ BSM, Bethlen Gabor ter 2, room 102
- **Feb 5th, afternoon Welcome reception / meet your profs *email***
- **Feb 5th, 10am, classes start**

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**LET US KNOW**

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