



JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

Swedish Laws and Regulations

Very important regulations to know when you come to Sweden:

Alcohol

In Sweden you cannot buy drinks with an alcohol percentage of higher than 2,25 in any super market or store. The kind of drinks you can buy in the super markets contain very low percentage of alcohol. Instead you can only buy alcohol drinks in a store called "Systembolaget". In order to be able to buy alcohol in Systembolaget, you must be 20 years old and show an ID. You can also buy alcohol in the pubs. You should be at least 18 years old in order to be able to buy alcohol in the pubs. Please visit the website www.systembolaget.se for more information.

Drugs

The Police takes the consumption or possession of illegal drugs in Sweden **very seriously**. Some countries may have a more lenient view to illegal drug use, but NOT SWEDEN!

The following section has been obtained from the Narcotic Drugs (Punishments) Act:

Section 1

Any person who unlawfully

1. transfers narcotic drugs,
2. manufactures narcotic drugs intended for misuse,
3. acquires narcotic drugs for the purpose of transfer,
4. procures, processes, packages, transports, keeps or in some other similar way handles narcotic drugs which are not intended for personal use,
5. offers narcotic drugs for sale, keeps or conveys payment for narcotic drugs, mediates contacts between seller and purchaser or takes any other such measure, if the procedure is designed to promote narcotic drugs traffic, or
6. possesses, uses or otherwise handles narcotic drugs shall, if he has acted willfully, **be sentenced for a narcotic drugs offence** to imprisonment for not more than three years. (SFS 1988:286)

Section 2

If, having regard to the nature and the quantity of narcotic drugs involved and other circumstances, an offence under Section 1 is judged to be petty, a fine or imprisonment for most six months shall be imposed. (SFS 1993:211)

Section 3

If the offence under Section 1 is judged to be grave, the sentence for a grave narcotic drugs offence shall be imprisonment for at least two and at most ten years.

In judging whether an offence is grave, particular consideration shall be given to whether it has been part of large-scale or professional activities, has involved especially large quantities of narcotic drugs or has in any other way been of a particularly dangerous or unscrupulous nature. The judgment shall be based on a joint consideration of the circumstances in the particular case. (SFS 1981:226)”

Swedish culture does NOT tolerate the use of drugs, including Marijuana, cannabis, and stronger drugs such as cocaine. The use of drugs is NOT tolerated at all in the Swedish society, including the student life.

“Allemansrätten” - Everyman’s right - everyman’s duty

Allemansrätten states that we can move around freely in forest and field, pick berries, mushrooms and unprotected flowers, camp one night without permission from landowner - not, however, too close to a populated area; bathe, row, sail, paddle and drive motorboats on the lakes and rivers and archipelagos; light a fire but only in certain prepared places. In windy or very dry weather the lighting of fires is absolutely forbidden, everywhere. It also states that we can NOT: damage growing trees or bushes; walk over fields in crop or through newly planted forest areas; take birds’ eggs or birds’ nests.

Driving in Sweden

- In Sweden we have right side traffic.
- The lights of the car must be turned on at all the times when you drive, even during the day.
- You can use the driver license from your home country for a maximum of a 1-year period of time in Sweden.
- Drinking and driving in Sweden is not tolerated.
- You should always respect the speed limits

Even though some of the regulations mentioned above are similar to the ones in your home country, please be aware that in Sweden they are taken very seriously. The fines for violating the Swedish law and regulations are very high.

IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS!