



HOUSE RULES

(or, How to Promote Domestic Bliss)

Some host families don't feel the need to voice rules of the house. However, we thought it might be useful for you to know what we have told our actors to expect...

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

As a general rule of thumb, we ask you to provide a bed for your actor in a room of his/her own, breakfast and an evening meal on the nights when the company are not performing. Please could they also have the use of the kitchen, at your convenience, to be able to prepare themselves other meals as needed (eg packed lunches on days when they are not catered for in schools or prisons etc). There is no requirement for you to provide any other meals unless you choose to do so.

ACCESS

It would be most helpful if you could let your guest have a key to get in and out as well as any relevant information about alarms or locking-up at night if they are the last person in. If you are able to tell the actor the easiest way to travel to where they need to be, that is always helpful.

TELEPHONE

Nowadays most people have their own mobile phone, so it's very unlikely that they will ever need to use your landline. If, for any reason, the actor does find that it's unavoidable for some reason, it is likely to only be in some sort of crisis and they will be ready to reimburse you for its use. We suggest you give guidelines about times of day when it's suitable to make and receive calls if relevant.

INTERNET

Most households now seem to have internet access of some kind and it is entirely up to you as to whether you are willing to share the facility with your guests. It is certainly not uncommon for actors to ask for the opportunity to check their emails from time to time and only you can make the rules about what does or does not suit you. If you choose for them not to have access, that's fine.

WASHING UP

Actors are expected to take their turn, and not to leave dirty dishes lying around!!

LAUNDRY

As the actor is away from home, it is more than likely that they will need to use your washing machine. Please let them know if they can share your cycle, as it were, or give them a quick lesson on operating your machine. Also, make it clear at what hour washing-machine-use becomes antisocial. If you would prefer for them not to use your washing machine, please let them know the location of the nearest Launderette.

HEATING

Please discuss your heating policy with your guest. If needs be, a hot water bottle might be appreciated.

CLEANING

Actors should keep their rooms clean and tidy, and (within reason!!) should be ready to help out in all other areas of your home.

VAN

When on tour, one of the actors will usually need to have the Company van with them wherever they are staying. This will usually be flagged up at the time the accommodation is arranged as not everyone is able to park a six and a half metre long transit van where they live!! If there are any problems with parking, please discuss this with your guest or by calling the Riding Lights office. Ideally the van should be parked 'off-road' at night, but we know this is not always possible.

PROBLEMS

We hope that this will be an enjoyable experience for you and that your guest will not cause you any problems at all. However, we would not wish you to suffer any problems in silence. If there is an issue that you do not feel able to discuss with your guest directly, please get in touch with me as soon as possible so that we can be of help.

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