



Electricity

Voltage in Italy is 220 Volts, so before using your own electrical appliances check that the voltage corresponds otherwise you will need converters. All electrical appliances which heat (irons, ovens, washing machines, hairdryers etc.) consume a great deal of electricity and the voltage in your apartment is limited. If you use more than one heating appliance at a time the safety circuit-breaker may be set off: in other words you will blow a fuse, be without electricity for a while, and potentially destroy what you were using - in most cases the hairdryer. There are two ways of resetting circuits: there may be a light switch panel inside your apartment, they are usually to be found near the front door at eye level, after turning off electrical appliances, switch all levers up. If there is no light switch panel the circuit must be reset from the main light meter which may be either inside the apartment or just inside the main front door to your building. Most meters are now electronic, white in colour, and with a viewer. To reactivate the circuit switch levers up. If your meter is the old black type push in the black button, again AFTER turning off appliances.

Turn off all appliances and lights when not in use and in particular when you leave the house.

How to read electricity meters:

White, electronic meters are read by clicking the white button to the right of the viewer. Click the button until "A3 Lettura = 0001050" where 1050 is the current reading.

The black numbers will give you the current reading on the older black type of meter.



WARNINGS

- Use all electrical plugs with caution. Be very careful with electrical appliances. Remember that in Italy the voltage is 220V.
- If the rent you are paying includes utility (electricity) charges please note that only moderate consumption is considered, you will be charged for any excessive use.
- Learn where all main switches are located in the apartment.
- Make sure all lights are turned off when you leave the apartment.
- Do not use hair dryers and washing machines or dish washers at the same time (this will cause black outs of the electricity unit).
- Do not drape scarves or material over lamp shades.
- Do not plug in electrical equipment that does not run on 220V (use adapters).
- Be careful with hair dryers near faucets and showers.
- Do not leave the iron, hair dryer or any other small appliances plugged in when not in use.
- If your apartment has air conditioning remember that these appliances consume large quantities of electricity. They must be used with moderation. To avoid blowing fuses turn off the A/C before turning on other electrical appliances such hairdryers, oven, washer, etc.

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