# Borrow equipment for sports, play and outdoor activities absolutely free via the BUA network

BUA stands for Barn-Unge-Aktivitet (Children-Youth-Activity) and is a non-profit organisation working to make it easier for children and adolescents in particular to borrow equipment for physical activities, such as sports and outdoor activities.

The BUA scheme is an "equipment library" where young and old alike can borrow equipment for sports, play and outdoor activities absolutely free. BUA is primarily intended for children and adolescents, but anyone who has a residential address in Norway and a Norwegian mobile number can borrow equipment.

BUA works in the same way as a library, but lending out sports and outdoor equipment instead of books. Equipment can usually be borrowed for one week at a time. If you're going away and need to borrow equipment for longer, simply ask your local BUA department.

## A 'loan profile' is required to borrow equipment through the BUA network

Anyone with a residential address in Norway and a Norwegian mobile number can create a loan profile in the BUA portal. Your local BUA branch will also be happy to help set up a loan profile. Foreign tourists and businesses cannot borrow for free from BUA. Refugees who do not have a Norwegian mobile number can create a guest account by going to a BUA branch in person. Some foreign students and guest workers can also borrow equipment at some BUA branches, but this does not apply to everyone. Check the local websites in the BUA portal to find out what applies to each branch.

### An adult must be responsible for the loan

Children and adolescents under the age of 18 can borrow through the BUA network, but a person of legal age must be responsible for the loan. The adult must create a loan profile and add minors as joint borrowers under their name. Joint borrowers under the age of 18 must be added with their own mobile number and email address. Children without their own email address and mobile phone number can borrow through their parents' loan profile, providing their parents give their written consent in the Notes field of their loan profile.

Create a loan profile at BUA or in the BUA portal: www.bua.no

When you create a loan profile, you must verify your personal data with Vipps. If you do not have Vipps, you can verify your mobile phone number and email address by receiving a code and showing proof of identity in a BUA branch the first time you borrow anything. When you create a loan profile in the BUA network, you agree to the BUA network's standard loan terms and agree that we may store your personal data.

All you have to do is state your mobile number when you want to borrow something. Your mobile number acts as ID. Everything you or your children borrow will be registered, and you will receive a receipt by email. You can log in to your loan profile at any time to see details of everything borrowed in your name.

#### The BUA portal at www.bua.no

You can find details of all the equipment schemes in the BUA network on the portal. Each BUA branch has a local website, where you will find an overview of opening hours, address, contact details and any local rules. You can also go to "Find equipment" to see what equipment is on loan, as well as sizes, numbers and availability.

#### **Reserving equipment**

BUA branches with a purple symbol on the overview map in the portal only offer loans via drop-in, which means that you cannot reserve equipment, but have to physically go to the branch during opening hours to borrow anything. You can see lists of equipment and availability on the local website, but cannot reserve equipment there.

BUA branches with a red symbol on the overview map in the portal offer online reservation. Equipment can be reserved from them between 14 and 2 days before you borrow it, and you can borrow the equipment for 7 days.

#### What happens if the loan agreement is violated

It is important to take good care of the equipment you borrow and to return it at the agreed time. If the equipment is broken or stolen, you can be held responsible. This does not apply to normal wear and tear, such as a broken pole or scratches.



Create a loan

profile here

Borrow whatever you want to roll, float, slide, skid, hike, climb, dangle, jump, bounce, tumble or bat

