

# LOCAL CUSTOMS

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM

Individual freedom, human rights, democracy and neutrality are Switzerland's traditional and fundamental values.

The two main Christian denominations, Catholic and Protestant, are roughly evenly represented, but religious freedom is guaranteed.

Equality of the sexes is written into the Swiss Constitution, and children's rights are recognized and respected, e.g. it is prohibited to force children to work, to mistreat them ; choice of spouse is free, likewise of trade, of religion, of political party, etc.

Thus a fine may be imposed, even a prison sentence, for acts of a racist or sexist nature or reflecting a rejection of a group, a minority.

## LOCAL CUSTOMS

With a Catholic majority, the Valais honors Catholic feast-days as public holidays and Sundays, as days of rest, favorable for family lunches or strolls. So kindly avoid making a noise that would upset the neighbors on those days.

Disturbance of the peace at night is also unwelcome. No noise please after 10 p.m. If you are going to receive guests, kindly inform your next-door neighbors a few days beforehand.

Also, see that you keep clean all the common parts of the building at your disposal.