

Germany

The following procedures are specific to Germany and provide the current guidance as to how to report a crime as at May 2023.

<u>Contact Details</u>	
Flag State Procedures i.e. you are on a German-flagged vessel & Port State Procedures i.e. you are in German waters/port	
Who to contact to report a sexual offence? E.g. rape.	<p><u>Emergency Assistance</u></p> <p>For immediate police response during emergencies or life-threatening situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. if in Germany: dial 110, or 2. if in the EU: dial 112 <p>English speaking operators are available.</p> <p>Note that the German Police may not be able to provide immediate assistance if you are not within German waters or at one of the facilities/terminals of a German port.</p> <p><u>Reporting a Crime</u></p> <p>To provide crime-related information to the German Police in a non-emergency situation (including to make a police report), dial (+49) 800 6 888 000 or send an e-mail to bpol.see.ppz@polizei.bund.de</p> <p>Alternatively, crime-related information can be provided to the German Police at: https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/Service/Kontakt/02Hinweisgeben/hinweis-geben_node.html</p>
In what circumstances can I contact the police?	A police report can be made if you have been the victim of or a witness to a criminal offence, including in the case of a sexual offence.
What information to provide the police?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name and contact number; • Description of the crime or incident; • Name of the vessel and present location; • Whether immediate assistance is required; • Date and time of the crime; and • Name of the perpetrator and their whereabouts, if known. <p>You can request an interpreter if you are not familiar with the German language.</p> <p>Make sure you ask for a written police confirmation for reporting the crime, which contains a police reference number and the police's contact details so</p>

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	that you are able to follow up with them later. Ask for an English translation of the confirmation if necessary.
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National Procedures i.e. you are a German resident	
What is my first point of contact?	<p>In the first instance, you should contact the police of the country you are currently in (or will be at the next port of call) as they are best placed to investigate the crime (see the table above if you are in Germany's waters/ at a German port).</p> <p>Your national consulate also provides assistance and advice for what to do if a crime is committed abroad (i.e. you are outside Germany).</p>
Who to contact for consular assistance?	<p>You can find an overview of German embassies/consulates (<i>Botschaften und Generalkonsulate</i>) at:</p> <p>https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/about-us/auslandsvertretungen/deutsche-auslandsvertretungen</p> <p>The German embassies/consulates provide consular assistance to victims of crime, which may include assistance in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finding appropriate medical care; • contacting family or friends; and • providing information on how to contact the German criminal justice system.

Medical examinations	
Who to contact for a medical examination?	After making a police report, the police will arrange a medical examination. This is because documentation by a forensic medical examiner may be recommended for subsequent criminal proceedings.

Specialised charitable organisations and agencies	
What help is available to me?	<p>Specialised charitable organisations can help in the following ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assuming the cost of a legal medical investigation; • support and personal counselling for victims; • paying the victim's fee for an initial visit to an attorney of the victim's choice; • assuming the cost of additional attorney fees; and • assuming the cost of an initial trauma counselling session in the case of emotional burdens arising from the criminal act.
Who to contact if I would like to obtain free advice or counselling services?	Telefon Seelsorge (available at www.telefonseelsorge.de) is a telephone counselling service consisting of a network of 104 offices in Germany. TelefonSeelsorge is available day and night, including weekends and public holidays.

	<p>Telephone 0800 111 0 111 or 0800 111 0 222 (24/7 and for free, if in Germany)</p>
	<p>The WEISSER RING e.V. is a nationwide active victim support organisation that provides preliminary legal advice.</p> <p>Contact details:</p> <p>Telephone 116 006 (if in Germany)</p> <p>There is also online consulting available on a 24/7 basis under https://weisser-ring.de/hilfe-fuer-opfer/onlineberatung</p> <p>Find a local WEISSER RING support worker under by inserting your location or zip code here:</p> <p>https://weisser-ring.de/english#howtofindyourlocalweisserringsupportworker</p>
	<p>The Arbeitskreis der Opferhilfen in Deutschland e.V. provides legal and psychological support. Anonymity is preserved.</p> <p>Contact details:</p> <p>Telephone (+49) 176 6035 7576</p> <p>Email info@opferhilfen.de</p> <p>Local support offices can be found at: https://www.beratungsstellen-opferhilfen.de/beratungsstellen/</p>
	<p>Hilfetelefon Sexueller Missbrauch is a sexual abuse help line offering advice on all questions relating to sexual abuse. If you are affected yourself, have suspicions or a strange feeling (even in doubt), you can contact the sexual abuse help line in confidence. The employees advise and support you with all questions on the subject: anonymously and free of charge - and if you wish online at https://www.hilfe-portal-missbrauch.de/startseite.html.</p> <p>Telephone: 0800 22 55 530 (if in Germany)</p> <p>Online Consulting (if not in Germany): at https://www.hilfe-portal-missbrauch.de/startseite.html</p>
	<p>Hilfetelefon Gewalt gegen Frauen ("Violence against Women") is a help line offering a nationwide counseling service for women who have experienced or are still experiencing violence. Hilfetelefon Gewalt gegen Frauen support those affected of all nationalities, with and without disabilities, 365 days a year, around the clock. They also advise relatives, friends and specialists anonymously and free of charge.</p> <p>Telephone: 08000 116 016 (24/7 and 365 days a year, if in Germany)</p> <p>Online consultation available at: https://www.hilfetelefon.de/no_cache/das-hilfetelefon/beratung/online-beratung.html</p>
	<p>Hilfetelefon Gewalt an Männern ("help line violence against men") offering counselling services for men experiencing or who have experienced violence (https://www.maennerhilfetelefon.de/)</p> <p>Telephone: 0800 123 9900</p> <p>Email: beratung@maennerhilfetelefon.de</p> <p>Online Chat at: http://onlineberatung.maennerhilfetelefon.de/</p>

	<p>The LARA e.V. offers advice and accompanies victims to the doctors, hospitals, police and court. It also has a network of experts such as lawyers from whom victims can receive legal advice. It has English-speakers.</p> <p>Contact details:</p> <p>Telephone (+49) 30 216 88 88</p> <p>Email beratung@lara-berlin.de</p> <p>Website: www.lara-berlin.de</p> <p>Beratungsstelle für Lesben, Trans* und queere Menschen (Advice center for lesbians, trans* and queer people) offers advice for lesbians, trans* and queer people experiencing violence (https://gewaltfreileben.org/beratung/beratungsangebote)</p> <p>Telephone: (+49) 69 / 43 00 52 33 (Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)</p> <p>Telephone: (+49) 151 25049749 (weekend crisis hotline Saturdays and Sundays from 6pm to 8pm)</p>
<p>Who to contact for potential civil claims involving gender discrimination?</p>	<p>The Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (FADA) is an independent federal agency that offers counselling for people who have experienced or observed discrimination.</p> <p>The FADA is able to provide you with confidential counselling free of charge and in relation to all aspects of discrimination. In particular, the FADA is positioned to offer preliminary evaluation of your case, necessary or recommendable steps or actions to be taken. Amongst others, the FADA can offer you information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your rights in a case of discrimination; • opportunities of whether and how you may enforce your rights; • seeking an amicable settlement of the conflict; and • contact details of experts in your location. <p>You can contact the FADA via an electronic contact form under https://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.de/EN/we-offer-advice-to-you/contact-us-now/contact-form/Seite_1/_node.html, or via e-mail beratung@ads.bund.de, or call +49 800 546 546 5.</p>