

Important information

Germany has specific **laws** that **forbid all violence**.
Every person has the right to live without violence.

In Germany, the following are examples of **violence**:

- making unwanted physical/sexual advances on someone
- hitting and kicking
- imprisonment, locking someone up against their will
- following someone
- insulting someone
- stopping someone from seeing their friends
- taking over control of someone's phone or money
- ...

One specific form of violence is **domestic violence**.

This is abuse or violence between people who know each other well and live together - for example, the husband or wife, parents, children, former partner, siblings or others. Women, men, and children can all be affected by domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a criminal offence and cannot be justified by alcohol, traditions or stress.

Affected people are allowed to defend themselves, run away and separate.

Most importantly, those affected are encouraged and allowed to **seek help and support**.
This also applies if you observe violence between other people.

Outreach Centers help— free of charge— with any questions anyone may have about domestic violence and help those affected. The counselors must keep all conversations private, and are not allowed to pass on any information.

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If you or someone you know should be in a dangerous situation, you can call the **Police** free of charge. The number is **110**. They will help those affected, and look for solutions.

There are **apartments and housing** to shelter affected people and their children. It is possible to live after getting into emergency situations and get needed help for a new start. The addresses of the houses are not known.

Telephone Women's shelter: 03501 547160

e-mail: frauenhaus@asb-koenigstein-pirna.de

Telephone Men's shelter: 0351 32345422

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People who have committed violence can also find help. They too can and should make use of the **free and anonymous counseling**.

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