

## Task of the Police



The police must always investigate if they learn that someone owns prohibited drugs. It does not matter how small the amount is.

- Trade, consumption and possessions are prohibited everywhere.
- There are always penalties.
- An indictable offense has an impact on the residence permit.

## Penalties for Purchasing/Selling/Trading

- Fines
- Terms of imprisonment
- At least one year imprisonment when trading drugs to earn money.
- The compulsory residence can be tightened.
- An indictable offense has an impact on the residence permit and can endanger the asylum procedure.



## Assistance

You can turn with all your worries to the following advice centers. These are subject to confidentiality. You cannot talk to anyone else about it, if you do not want that.



- Caritas Association for Dresden e. V.  
[www.caritas-suchtberatung-dresden.de](http://www.caritas-suchtberatung-dresden.de)
- Social welfare organisation - City Mission Dresden e. V.  
[www.diakonie-dresden.de](http://www.diakonie-dresden.de)
- SZL addiction center gGmbH  
[www.suchtzentrum.de/horizont](http://www.suchtzentrum.de/horizont)
- GESOP gGmbH  
[www.gesop-dd.de](http://www.gesop-dd.de)
- Mobile addiction service in the social assistance office  
[www.dresden.de/mobiler-suchtdienst](http://www.dresden.de/mobiler-suchtdienst)
- Youth and drug counseling center of the health department  
[www.dresden.de/drogenberatung](http://www.dresden.de/drogenberatung)
- Intervention and prevention program of juvenile court assistance for people under the age of 21 years with drug offenses  
[www.dresden.de/jugendgerichtshilfe](http://www.dresden.de/jugendgerichtshilfe)

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Information on dealing with  
legal and illegal drugs

# Drugs in Germany

## Right of silence



- If the police asks you about drug possession, identify yourself with your document (for example proof of arrival, toleration, permission).
- The police can take you and detain you for one totwo days.
- You can request a lawyer at any time.

## German law



Dealing with drugs is regulated:

- in the Narcotics Act (BtMG),
- in the Penal Code (StGB) as well
- in the Youth Protection Act (JuSchG)

according to the German law:

- torture is strictly prohibited,
- there is no death penalty,
- you will not be forced to undergo treatment against your will,
- you will not locked up during a treatment, but well supplied

## The Narcotics Act (BtMG)



- Drugs (for example cannabis, opium, heroin, cocaine, khat, crystal) are prohibited and therefore cannot be bought in any store.
- Drugs as medicines (for example, tramadol and tilidine, benzodiazepines, lyrics) may only be prescribed by the doctor.
- Prohibited drugs and drugs as medications may not be imparted or sold.
- Anything you can buy in the store is allowed, for example, alcohol, tobacco, and many medications.
- For the purchase of strong alcohol and tobacco, you have to be 18 years old. The age is checked at the time of purchase.

	Tobacco	Alcohol	Cannabis	Opiates	Amphetamine
<b>Examples</b>	Cigarette, E-cigarette, cigar, shisha, chewing tobacco	Wine, beer, sparkling wine, schnapps, mixed drinks	marijuana, weed, pot, grass, ganja, hashish, hash, shit, dope, hash oil	opium, morphine, heroin, diamorphine	crystal, speed, ecstasy, cocaine
<b>Possession and consumption</b>	allowed from 18 years	Wine, beer, sparkling wine allowed from 16 years	<b>actionable</b> unless prescribed by the doctor as a medication	<b>actionable</b> unless prescribed by the doctor as a medication	<b>actionable</b>
<b>Possession:</b> everything you have for yourself at disposal		All other types of alcohol that you can buy in the supermarket are allowed from 18 years			
<b>Consumption:</b> every use of drugs, whether eating, drinking, smoking, snoring or syringes					
<b>Purchase and Sale</b>	Purchase in the shop from 18 years (for example, tobacco, shisha tobacco, chewing and snuff tobacco, cigar, cigarettes)	Wine, beer, sparkling wine allowed from 16 years	<b>actionable</b>	<b>actionable</b>	<b>actionable</b>
<b>Purchase:</b> buy substances for a service in return or making money		All other types of alcohol that you can buy in the supermarket are allowed from 18 years			
<b>Sale:</b> to give other persons substances for a service in return or money					
<b>Deal:</b> sell and/or purchase substances for the purpose of earning money					