



Information on working in the red-light industry in Munich

General information

As a prostitute/dancer, you are self-employed. This also means that you are responsible for yourself. No other person may dictate to you the type, scope or price of your (sexual) services, determine your working hours or exploit you financially. There are laws in Germany that protect this right to self-determination. If you find yourself in a situation where you need help, we offer you the opportunity to confide in us or an aid organisation. An interpreter will be provided if necessary.

Inspections

Routine inspections are carried out in the establishments on an ongoing basis. To ensure that the inspections are carried out smoothly and quickly, please present a valid identification document as well as the registration certificate for prostitutes/dancers to the inspecting officers. To clarify your identity, you must appear in person before the officers carrying out the checks - even if you have a guest at this point in time.

According to the Bavarian Police Duties Act, police officers are authorised to enter all rooms in a brothel or brothel-like establishment, including locked rooms, and to search any carried items.

Prostitution-free zone

In the state capital of Munich, prostitution and solicitation are only permitted in certain areas of the city. Please refer to the Prostitution-free Zone Ordinance available on the internet at www.muenchen.de (search term: 'Sperrbezirksverordnung').

House and hotel visits for the purpose of prostitution are generally prohibited in the other city areas of Munich and neighbouring municipalities with a population of less than 30,000 in accordance with the Prostitution Prohibition Ordinance (ProstV).

It is necessary to inform yourself independently about the special regulations in the respective federal state, the respective municipality and also about the time restrictions in the solicitation zones before starting work.

Hygiene Ordinance

According to the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) and the Bavarian Hygiene Ordinance (HygVO), prostitutes and clients are obliged to use condoms when having sexual intercourse. Even advertising or offering unprotected intercourse is prohibited.



Taxes

Income from work in the red-light industry is taxable and must be reported to the competent tax office. The simultaneous receipt of social benefits must be reported to the competent social welfare office. The competent authority will answer any questions in this regard. In accordance with the provisions of the ProstSchG and the German Fiscal Code, your personal data will be transmitted to the tax office.

Registration

In accordance with the ProstSchG, you must register with the competent city authorities, in Munich with KVR [*Municipal Administration Authority*], Ruppertstraße 11, D-80337 Munich, before engaging in prostitution. At KVR, you must carry a confirmation of a counselling interview from the Munich Health Department with you. The signed instruction issued by Commissariat 35 does not replace the country-wide obligation to register in accordance with Section 3 ProstSchG.

Regulations on penalties and fines

Violations of the above provisions are punishable by a fine or (prison) sentence in accordance with the German Criminal Code, ProstSchG, Administrative Offences Act and HygVO. You are obliged to inform yourself about the legal regulations before commencing work.

Photographs and personal data

The preparation of a photograph of you and your identification documents by the police is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal. The deletion of photographs and identity documents can be requested in writing at any time at Kriminalfachdezernat 3 – K 35 [*Specialised Criminal Investigation Department 3 - K 35*].

In accordance with the provisions of data protection law, personal data is generally deleted at the end of the standard retention period of five years. Deletion of the data can also be requested in writing. The application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the provisions of the data protection laws.

Important addresses/aid organisations

- **Kriminalpolizei, Kommissariat 35,**
[*Criminal Investigation Department, Commissariat 35*]
Landsbergerstraße 315, D-80687 Munich, Phone: 089/54652-329,
E-mail: pp-mue.muenchen.k35.austausch@polizei.bayern.de
- **JADWIGA Fachberatungsstelle,**
[*JADWIGA Specialist Counselling Centre*]
Schwanthalerstraße 79, D-80336 Munich, Phone: 089/38534455,
E-mail: muenchen@jadwiga-online.de
- **SOLWODI e.V. Beratungsstelle für ausländische Frauen,**
[*SOLWODI e.V. Counselling Centre for Foreign Women*]
Schellingstraße 72, D-80799 Munich, Phone: 089/27275859,
E-mail: muenchen@solwodi.de
- **MIMIKRY Beratungsstelle für Frauen in der Prostitution,**
[*MIMIKRY Counselling Centre for Women in Prostitution*]
Dreimühlenstraße 1, D-81371 Munich, Phone: 089/7259083,
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