

WHAT TO DO WHEN POLICE IS HARRASSING YOU

Identity check:

- The police has to give you a reason for screening you.
- They can ask your name, date of birth, registered address and nationality.
- If you're under 18: They can also ask the names of your parents or legal guardian(s).
- You are accused of having committed a crime? Then cops can ask you about your place of birth and profession. They can't ask about your workplace!
- Don't answer any further questions! This is your right.
- If you can't or don't want to show an ID, police can temporarily arrest you to prove your identity.

Search:

- A search of your clothes, bag and body is only lawful if the cops inform you what they are searching for and why they expect to find it on you (of all people).
- Your mouth, anus and vagina are off limits for the police – unless there is an order of a public prosecutor.
- If they take stuff from you, ask for a receipt. Police has to give back your belongings when their suspicion dispels.

What to do when the cops arrest you:

- Turn off your mobile phone.
- The cops can ask your name, your date of birth, registered address, nationality (and names of your parents/legal guards, if you're under 18).
- Don't make any other statement. This is your right. Don't sign anything.
- You are entitled to two successful calls and an interpreter.

Arrest:

- Cops tell you to come to the police station with them? You don't have to go - unless they are arresting you. If the cops want to take you with them, ask: "Is this an arrest?" If not, don't go with them.

The new drug-law:

Since June 1st, 2016 dealing drugs on streets, at metro stations and in public transport, at the park and in nearby staircases, passages, halls etc can be punished with up to 2 years in prison. Liable to prosecution is:

- to offer: you ask people, for example, on the street, if they want to buy dope.
- to hand over: you sell cocaine, for example, in the park.
- to provide: you bring people together who want to buy or sell – even if you don't carry drugs yourself.

If you carry drugs and cops accuse you of selling them, insist that they're for personal consumption.

Support and Solidarity:

There are many people who don't approve of police controls. When there is a bystander asking you if you need support: By saying "yes" you can try to make them a 'trusted person'. This is a legal definition for a person cops can't send away so easily.

- If there are people showing solidarity, try to tell them your name.
- You can ask passers-by for support on your own initiative.

The group „Kieberei, Was geht? Initiative gegen Polizei auf unseren Strassen“ collects informations and documents police harrasment.

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