

Auction lost property

The public order office regularly auctions lost property.

Competent Department

- [Ordnungsamt | Referat 12 - Fundangelegenheiten](#)

Basic information

If neither the owner nor the finder is interested in the lost property, the municipality acquires ownership after 6 months and the lost property is released for auction.

The official announcement and publication of auction dates is made in the daily press and at the relevant office.

Items acquired at the auction belong definitively to the purchaser.

If possible ownership rights to the item are asserted during an auction, the lost property will be removed from the auction to clarify the ownership situation. Once proof of ownership has been provided, the item will be handed over to the person entitled to ownership.

All other lost property will be destroyed or donated to charitable causes.

Requirements

- Within 6 weeks of the public announcement, no one asserted any ownership claims.

What documents do I need?

- No documents are required for an auction.

Procedure

- Lost property that has not been collected after the retention period has expired and is in good condition will be released for auction.
- You then have the opportunity to purchase these valuable items at public auctions. It is recommended that you take a close look at the lost property prior to the auction.
- If you have purchased a valuable item at a public auction, you pay on the spot and are obliged to take the item with you immediately.

Legal bases

- [§§ 965 - 984 Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch \(BGB\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Auctioning is only permitted 6 weeks after publication of the official announcement.

How long does it take to process

Duration of the auction 2 to 4 hours.

What are the costs?

Auctioned items will be handed over after payment with cash or EC card.