

## Media Harmful to Young People

If, while watching television, surfing the Internet or in any other medium, you have come across content which you consider unsuitable for children and young people, you can lodge a complaint with the Bremen State Media Authority. In the case of printed matter, sound carriers and computer games, other bodies should be consulted.

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### Basic information

State protection of children and young people has constitutional status in Germany. Accordingly, the dissemination of content harmful to minors is also illegal in Germany. The Interstate Treaty on the Protection of Minors in the Media (Jugendmedienschutzstaatsvertrag) provides a uniform legal framework for the protection of minors across all the German states, listing the content whose dissemination on the Internet or on the air is prohibited.

Violations of this catalog are examined and evaluated by the Commission for the Protection of Minors in the Media of the state media authorities within the framework of broadcasting and telemedia supervision. It serves as a body for the responsible state media authorities in fulfilling their duties. If there are violations of the Interstate Treaty on the Protection of Minors, the Commission for the Protection of Minors in the Media decides

on the measures to be taken against the media providers, which are then enforced by the state media authorities.

In Bremen, the Bremen State Media Authority performs these tasks. Through its director, it is a member of the Commission for the Protection of Minors in the Media. In addition, it is the point of contact for citizens who wish to report violations of the applicable regulations for the protection of minors on the Internet and in broadcasting and telemedia, as well as for all questions relating to the protection of children and minors in the media.

In deviation from this regulation, the Entertainment Software Self-Regulation Body (USK) is responsible for checking the appropriate age levels for computer and console games. If you have questions about audio media and print media, you can contact the Federal Agency for the Protection of Children and Young People in the Media. In the case of press products, there is also the option of involving the German Press Council.

## **Requirements**

In the Internet or in the radio and telemedia, in print products or computer games, content has been found which contradicts the applicable regulations for the protection of minors.

## **Procedure**

If citizens discover content that violates the applicable regulations for the protection of minors, they can submit a complaint to the Bremen State Media Authority or other competent authorities. The complaint will be forwarded to the competent state media authority or, respectively, to the Commission for the Protection of Minors in the Media for evaluation. The Commission will then decide on the respective case.

## **More information**

Contact details of the external service provider:

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