

Protection of minors

Competent Department

- [Ordnungsamt | Referat 31 und 32 - Allgemeiner Ordnungsdienst](#)

Basic information

The public order service carries out age checks on the purchase and consumption of alcohol and tobacco products. It can secure tobacco products, smoking accessories and alcohol under police law. The public order service also checks the stay of children and young people in restaurants, gambling establishments, at dance events (e.g. discos) and film and game programmes.

Requirements

The sale of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and e-shishas to persons under 18 years of age is prohibited. Consumption by young people under 18 years of age is also prohibited.

The sale of beer and wine to persons under 16 years of age and their consumption is prohibited. Other alcoholic beverages such as schnapps, liqueur and alcopops are only permitted from the age of 18.

Procedure

The employees of the public order service instruct and issue warnings to under 18-year-olds who consume tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. In addition, the tobacco products and alcoholic beverages are seized; the person with custody is informed in writing and can collect the seized items from the General Order Service by appointment.

Anyone who sells alcohol or tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 is committing an administrative offence which is punishable by a fine. If a fine is imposed, you will receive mail from the fine office.

Legal bases

- [Jugendschutzgesetz \(JuSchG\)](#)