



International
Youth Meeting
Dachau

Handout German Youth Law for parents of minor participants

This document provides an overview of key legal aspects relevant to minors attending the International Youth Meeting Dachau (IYM). It is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

1. Supervision and Liability

During IYM, the supervision obligation of minors is transferred from the parent to project management (PM) and team of IYM. They are legally responsible for the well-being of the participants and are obligated to look out for them. The supervision is adapted to the participants' age: Minor participants of IYM don't have to be in company of a member of the team at all time, however the team must now where they are when outside the area of the youth hostel. Therefore, minor participants must check in and out at the reception if they leave the premises of the hostel.ⁱ

2. Parties and Substance Use

- Dance Events

No minor is allowed to attend public dance events after midnight.ⁱⁱ

- Alcoholⁱⁱⁱ

Alcohol laws strictly prohibit serving minors hard alcoholic beverages. Every drink that is not beer or wine is considered as hard alcohol. That also applies to mixtures with liquors that only have a relatively low percentage of alcohol.

Beer and wine are not considered as hard alcoholic beverages and therefore are not prohibited for minors over the age of 16.

- Smoking and Vaping

Smoking tobacco and vaping (including nicotine-free e-cigarettes) are strictly prohibited for minors.^{iv}

- Cannabis and other drugs

Smoking cannabis or the consumption in any other way is strictly prohibited for minors.

The drug usage of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.

3. Privacy and Room Searches

The project management must balance their duty of care^v with participants' privacy rights^{vi}. Room searches might be necessary in case of serious suspicion of risk for minors, for instance due to drug abuse.

4. Sexuality and Protection of Minors

Minor participants are by law allowed to engage in consensual sexual activity, but IYM does not facilitate, nor promote it.^{vii}

"No means no" is the legal standard in Germany^{viii}, but IYM follows a stricter "Yes means yes" policy, ensuring clear consent at all time.

Team members are strictly prohibited to engage in any romantic or sexual relationships with participants, regardless of age, due to their position of authority.

Please be aware that breaking the rules of IYM Dachau can lead to the exclusion of the participant. In these cases IYM Dachau won't cover for any additional costs.

We look forward to welcoming your child to a safe and educational experience at the International Youth Meeting Dachau!

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ⁱ §§ 823, 832, 1631 German Civil code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch)

ⁱⁱ § 5 Youth Protection Act (Jugendschutzgesetz)

ⁱⁱⁱ § 9 Youth Protection Act (Jugendschutzgesetz)

^{iv} § 10 Youth Protection Act (Jugendschutzgesetz)

^v §§ 832, 1631 German Civil Code (BGB)

^{vi} Art. 2 § 1 and Art. 1 § 1 German Constitution (Grundgesetz)

^{vii} § 180 German Criminal Code (StGB)

^{viii} e.g. § 177 German Criminal Code (StGB)