



DEAR READERS,

“You have to learn to say no!” This oft-cited advice may become a life-saving mantra in certain situations. With our booklet, we aim to raise awareness for the issue of sexual violence. Here, we’re not only talking about criminal offences, but also about everyday situations many of us may unfortunately be familiar with, regardless of our age, gender or social status.

Sexual violence might start with certain looks that progress to unwelcome comments and, in the worst-case, end with violent assault and abuse. Small nuances can make a big difference, and sometimes the perpetrators are unaware of the effect their actions are having. When you’re faced with what can sometimes be a legal and moral grey area, it helps to articulate your own boundaries clearly and to make sure the issue is not brushed under the carpet!

Do you get the feeling a situation is somehow not right? Does it feel wrong to you in a way...? In that case, it’s worth acknowledging your own inner signals and expressing them clearly! If, on top of all this, you don’t have a safe place to live and often sleep rough, then moments such as this may be more frequent. People who have something you desperately need, such as a place to sleep, are in a powerful position to exploit you. So how can you distinguish these situations from genuine offers of help?

Listen to your gut, set out your boundaries early on and state them confidently! Get someone else involved so you are not alone, or simply walk away; get out of the situation.

Skilful manipulation that can also lead to abuse can come from anyone, even people who are supposed to be helping you like social workers, teachers, etc.

Yet, there can also be perpetrators even among your own circles, who either knowingly, or unwittingly overstep other people's personal boundaries. This affects not only women, but also men and non-binary people. Sexual violence is a problem that affects the whole of society, spanning all age groups and social strata, and homeless people are sadly not immune.

We believe it is important to bring stories and ideas to life. These stories include potential courses of action that may help you to get yourself out of uncomfortable situations. In addition, towards the back of this booklet (from page 14), you will find information on places that can help those affected and their families, as well as people who may themselves tend to be violent and overstep boundaries. In order to illustrate and address the various forms of sexual violence, a potential first step is to work on what this issue demands above all: self-confidence. Say: Stop, that's as far as it goes!

TRIGGER WARNING

In the following, we outline four stories of sexual violence involving young people on the streets. If the issue makes you uncomfortable, you can turn directly to page 14. There you will find information on places where you can get help and advice.

THE PROTAGONISTS

Pau



Non-binary

Lives with their single mother, who is unfortunately not at home very often.

Mert



Man

Feels neglected at home and has spent the last five months sleeping at various friends' places.

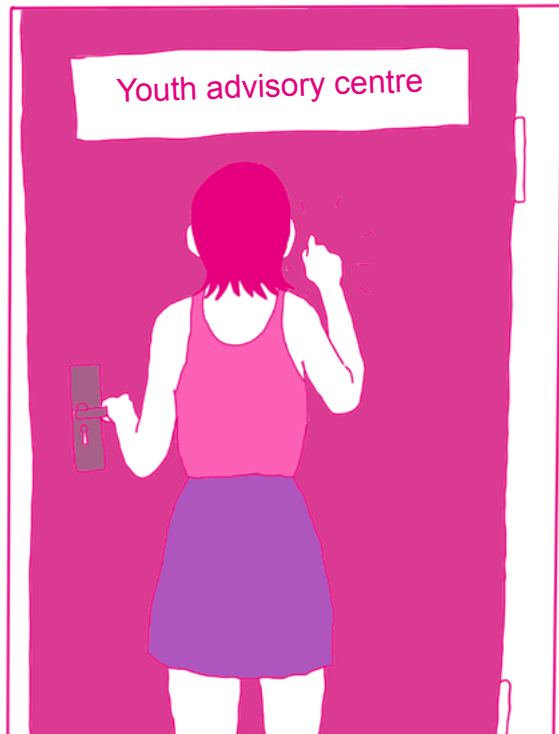
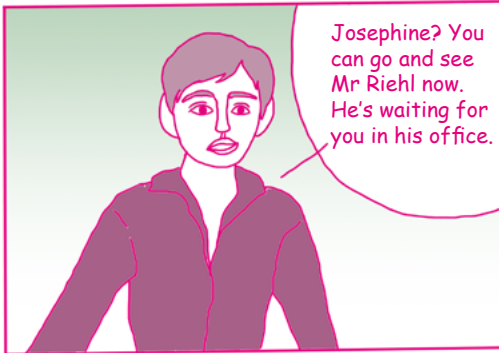
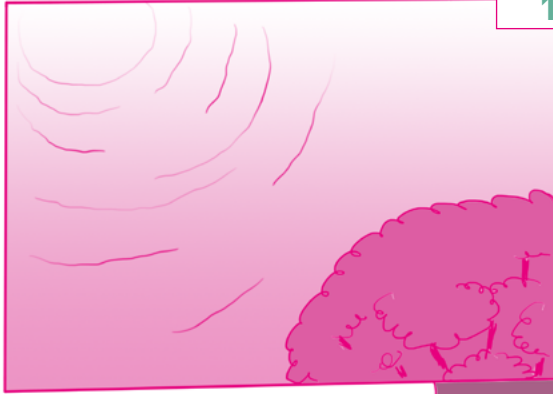
Josi



Woman

Was placed in supervised youth housing by her mother. Doesn't get on very well with her housing supervisor.

The comic follows these three individuals as they navigate day-to-day life in the big city. All three are friends and give each other emotional support in difficult times. They bond over not having the best relationships with their families and thus sometimes ending up in tricky situations. Fortunately, they have learned to recognise risks and to communicate when a situation does not feel right to them.



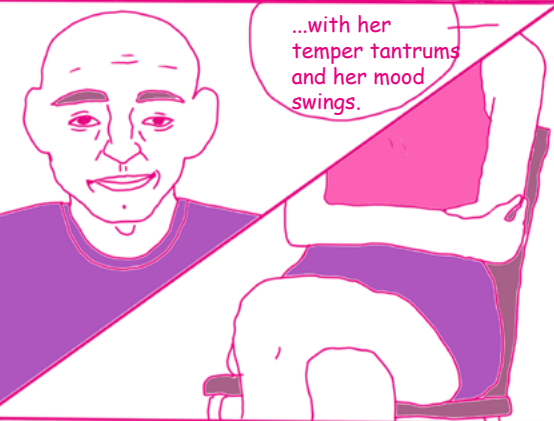


Come in, Josephine. Take a seat and close the door behind you.

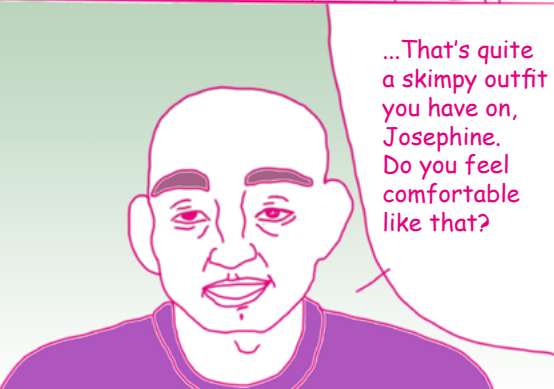
I can't handle her anymore, Mr Riehl. It's gotten really bad...



Josephine, what's the main issue here? Why don't you want to see your mother anymore?



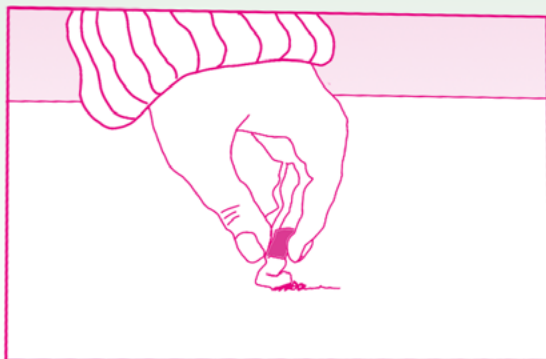
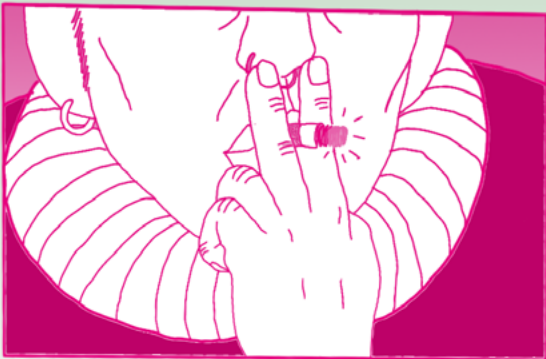
...with her temper tantrums and her mood swings.



...That's quite a skimpy outfit you have on, Josephine. Do you feel comfortable like that?

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Situation
about mission
OR
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OK, nice!
I'll go and
have a
chat with
him.



Hey, you.
My friends said
you've got some
weed left. Can I buy
a bit off you?



Yes, I've got some. Free of charge for you,
though.



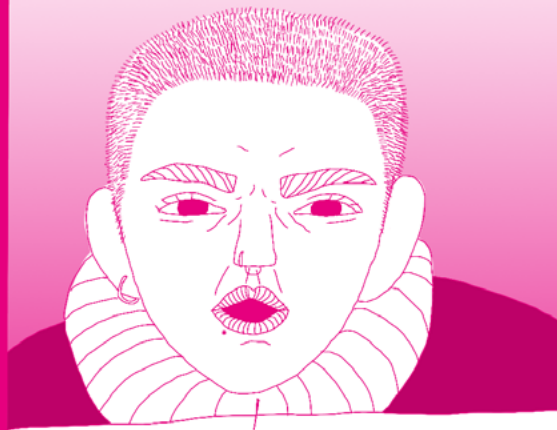
Tell me, are
you a
girl?



I'm not
a
girl!
Why
do you ask
me that?



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Are you serious about the free weed? Or are you using that as a way to put me under pressure? And what has my gender got to do with it?

SORRY! I didn't mean to offend you. I was just being friendly with the weed. I'm not trying to harass you.



Thanks. Next time, it's better if you just say exactly what you mean, OK?



Sorry, man. Here, have a joint for you and your friends. Have a good day.



THE END



Josi? Do you want another drag? I have to get going, it's late.



Everything OK with you? Do you have somewhere to sleep tonight?

Yes, everything's fine. I'll sort something out.



See you tomorrow, Pau. You take care too.

OK, then I'll head off. Take care and see you tomorrow, Josi.



Are you looking for something?

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I'm only asking because you're rummaging in your bag. You look like you're looking for something.

Yes, thanks! That's kind of you.

I'm Josi, what's your name?

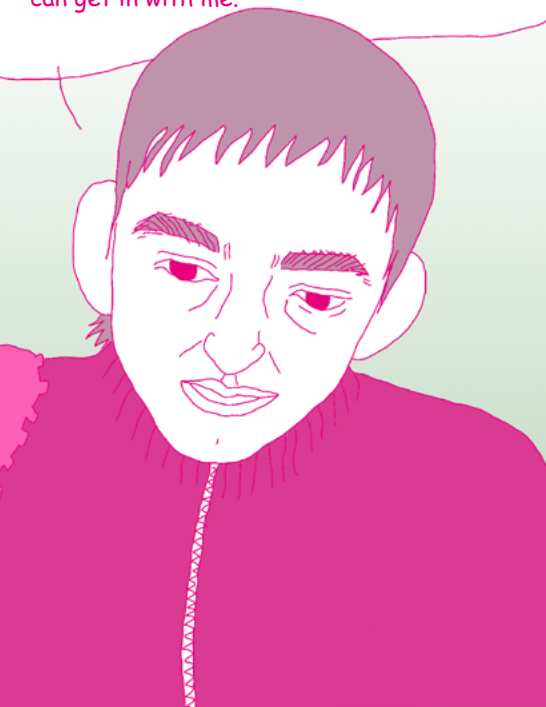
Tonight I am, yes. I don't want to go home, things aren't great there.

No.

André. Hey, are you on your own out here?

Do you know where you're going to sleep tonight?

I've got a sleeping bag, if you want you can get in with me.



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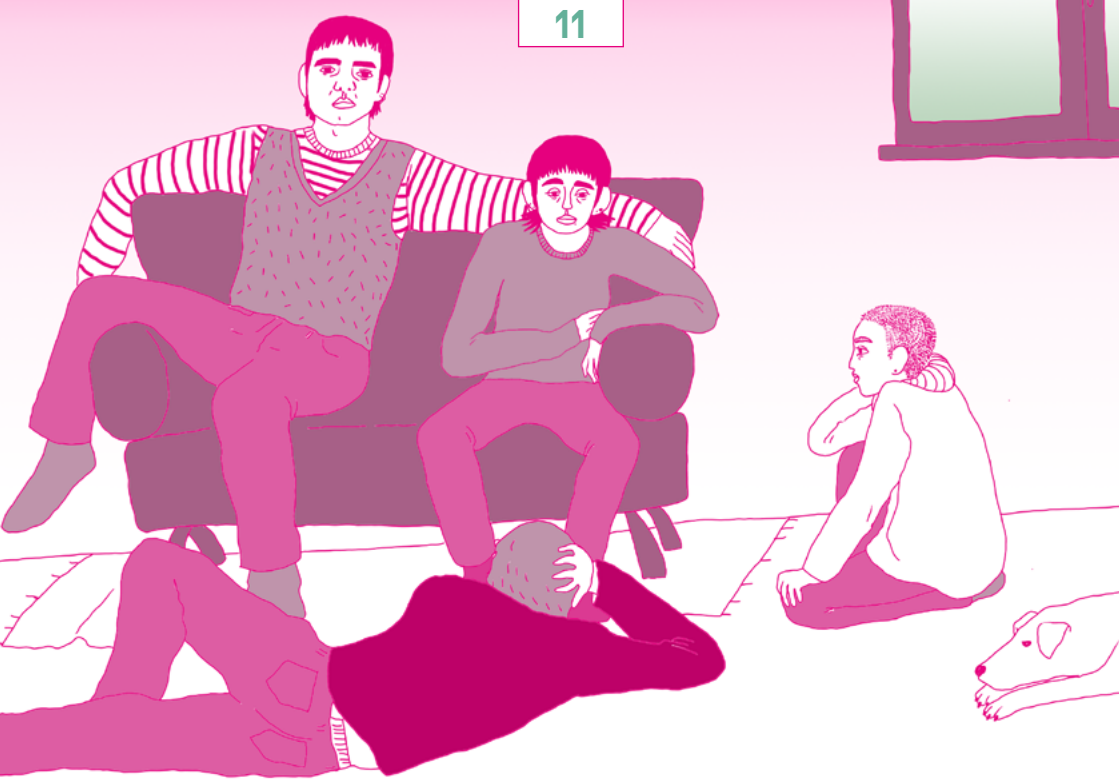
Your offer may be genuine, but I don't feel comfortable with it.

Oh, sorry. I've got a second sleeping bag if you would prefer.



Thank you, but I'll look for something else.

THE END



Yes, totally! No problem, I'll sort something out for tonight.

Pau and I are leaving now. Is that OK for you?

Bye, Mert!

See you tomorrow, Mert!

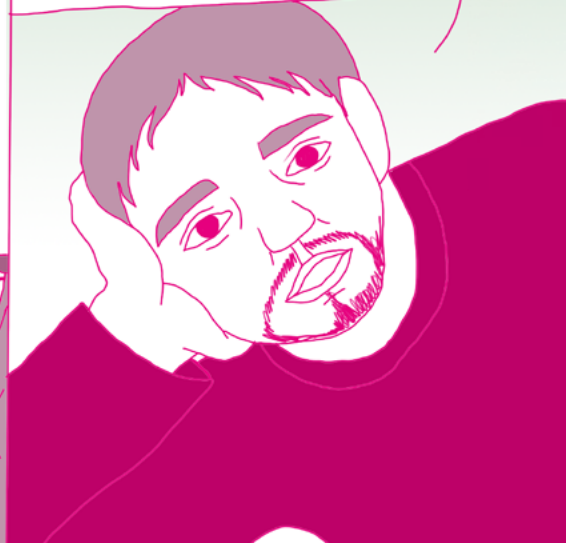


And then there were only two! Hey, Mert, you can sleep here, you know.

No worries, man. I know what it's like when you don't always have a place to sleep. I really care about you, Mert.

I really do... Tell me, do you have a girlfriend right now?

Oh, thanks Holger, that's really nice of you! Thank you, man!



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Hey, Holger, thanks for the offer but I'll have to say no. I don't know you well enough so I wouldn't feel comfortable staying here.

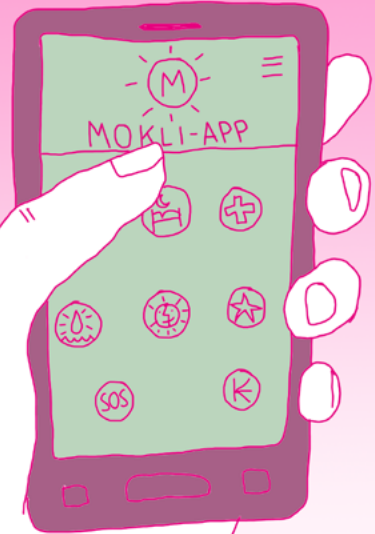
I'll get going now. Thanks anyway, man.



Oh, are you sure?
No worries.



I'd rather look for another place to sleep



THE END



Mokli app

www.mokli-help.de

The help-finder app for young people in need, with 24/7 SOS chat.

Karuna Youth Force

0163 777 57 89

Mon-Fri 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Helpline for young people in need under 27 years of age, providing advice on accommodation and other basic needs.

Tauwetter

Gneisenauerstr. 2A, 10961 Kreuzberg

030 6938007

Mon 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Tues 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. (drop-in session)

Wed 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Thurs 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Help point for men who experienced sexual abuse during childhood. Provides support for those affected over the phone and at the premises in Kreuzberg.

Wildwasser Mädchennotdienst

Bornemannstr. 12, 13357 Gesundbrunnen

030 21003990

maedchennotdienst@wildwasser-berlin.de

“I am strong” project

Girls aged 12 to 18 (exceptions for those up to 21): accommodation, support and advice day and night

On-site accommodation and clearing centre

Strohalm

Luchanerstr 2, 10969 Kreuzberg

Tel. for an appointment

030 6141829

Tues-Thurs 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Fri 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Advice for boys and girls up to the age of 13

Frauenhaus Bora

Albertinenstr. 1, 13086 Weissensee

030 9864332 or 030 6110300

Mon, Wed, Fri 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tues, Thurs 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

German/English/French

Wildwasser Interkulturelle Wohngruppe DONYA

Wriezener Str. 10-11, 13359 Wedding

030 48 62 82 11

donya@wildwasser-berlin.de

On-site accommodation (9 places, around-the-clock supervision)

B.I.G. e. V. - Berlin initiative against violence towards women

Durlacher Strasse 11a, 10715 Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

beratung@big-hotline.de

Hotline (8.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.): 030 6110300

Appointments: 030 6110301

Wildwasser advisory centres for girls

Wriezenerstr. 10/11, 13359 Wedding

030 48628222

wriezener@wildwasser-berlin.de

Mon-Wed 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Fri 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Barrier-free rooms for girls and young women

Dircksenstr. 47, 10178 Mitte

dircksen@wildwasser-berlin.de

Mon-Tues 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Thurs 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Girls and young women who have experienced sexual violence or feel threatened with it. Counselling from people who support those affected.

Frauenberatung Tara

Ebersstrasse 58 10827 Berlin Schöneberg

030 78718340

frauenberatung.tara@gmx.de

Mon 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tues 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Wed 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Thurs 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.

Counselling and intervention centre, legal advice

Wed 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.

(appointments must be booked over the phone)

Frauentreffpunkt – gegen häusliche Gewalt

Selchower Strasse 11, 12049 Berlin Neukölln

030 6222260 or 030 6212005

SMS 0151 56740945

frauentreffpunkt@skf-berlin.de

Mon 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Tues, Wed 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Thurs 2.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Consultations by arrangement. Counselling and intervention centre for victims of domestic abuse. Legal advice. Advice on accommodation provided in German, English, Portuguese, Turkish and Russian

Interkulturelle Initiative

Potsdamer Str. 1, 14163 Berlin Zehlendorf

030 80 19 59 80

beratung@interkulturelle-initiative.de

Consultation hours, appointments must be booked in advance

Mon 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tues 1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Thurs 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and by appointment

Intercultural counselling and intervention centre, Casamia social housing and women's refuge for victims of domestic violence (interpreter index covering all languages)

LesMigraS

Anti-discrimination and anti-violence work area of the Lesbenberatung Berlin

Kulmer Str. 20a

10783 Berlin Schöneberg

<https://lesmigras.de/lesmigras-home.html>

030 21 91 50 90

Mon, Wed, Fri 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Tues, Thurs 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Counselling and guidance for women and LGBTQ people who inflict or experience violence in relationships, have been (sexually) abused, and more.

LARA

Fuggerstrasse 19, 10777 Schöneberg

030 216 88 88

beratung@lara-berlin.de

Counselling and telephone hotline, appointment allocation

Mon-Fri 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

In-person and telephone counselling and crisis intervention for women who have experienced rape and sexual abuse, e-mail advice, short-term therapy, support groups, legal advice, support with filing complaints and court proceedings. The services are free and anonymous on request.

Das EJF - Kind im Zentrum

Maxstr. 3a, 13347 Berlin Wedding

030 28 28 077

www.ejf.de

kiz@ejf.de

Help for people who have experienced sexual violence.

Kind im Zentrum offers individual consultations and individual therapy for children, young people and young adults (up to 27 years old in line with Child and Youth Services in Germany) who have experienced sexual abuse.

Help for people who have inflicted sexual violence (advice and help finding therapy).

El Faro Opferschutzverein

Gatower Strasse 139, Wilhelmstadt

030 35135094

berlin@elfaro.de

Information and consultation appointments, guidance, support groups,
self-defence for help and support for victims of sexual abuse and
violence

Berliner Hotline Kinderschutz

Emergency help for children

030 61 00 61

Emergency help for young people

030 61 00 62

Emergency help for girls

030 61 00 63

Multilingual

030 61 00 66

24/7 hotline

030 61 00 60

0-21 years of age, imminent danger, counselling, emergency removal of
children, including anonymously.

Hilfe-für-Jungs e. V.

Kirchbachstrasse 5, 10783 Berlin Lichtenrade

030 499 52 047

www.hilfuerjungs.de

gf@hilfuerjungs.de

Berliner Jungs: Prevention of sexual violence towards boys,
counselling for affected boys and their families

Subway: Help and advice centre for boys and young men in unstable
circumstances and working in prostitution

MUT: Counselling and guidance for men who have experienced sexual
violence

Frauenhaus der Caritas

Residenzstr. 90, 13409 Wedding
030 8511018

Mon-Fri 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Protecting women (+/- children) from domestic violence.

Hilfetelefon sexueller Missbrauch

0800 22 55 530

Mon, Wed, Fri 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Tues, Thurs 3.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Anonymous and free help point for those affected by sexual violence and their families.

Weisser Ring

Victim hotline 116 006

weisser-ring.de/praevention/tipps/vergewaltigung

Mon-Sun 7.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Counselling for those affected by violent crime.

BIG Hotline

030 6110300 *around the clock*

Crisis intervention, arrangement of sheltered accommodation and information about legal and police proceedings. In specific cases, mobile intervention may be possible.

Nina e.V.

Berta hotline 0800 3050750

Sexual abuse hotline 08002255530

Online advice: nina-info.de/save-me-online.html

Tues 4.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Fri 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Berta is a telephone help point for those affected by organised sexual and ritual violence.

Hilfetelefon sexueller Missbrauch

www.hilfeportal-missbrauch.de/startseite.htm

Website for services throughout Germany

Contacts in the police

(In cases of acute danger always call 110!)

LKA 131

Possession/dissemination/creation of child and youth pornography, sexual abuse for the creation of child pornography, dissemination of pornography

lka131@polizei.berlin.de

Tel.: 030 4664-913100

Fax: 030 4664-913199

LKA 132

Sexual abuse by guardians/of children within the perpetrator's close circles and vulnerable persons

lka132@polizei.berlin.de

Tel.: 030 4664-913200

Fax: 030 4664-913299

LKA 133

Sexual offences (sexual coercion/rape) in relationships, also against vulnerable persons (except children)

lka133@polizei.berlin.de

Tel.: 030 4664-913300

Fax: 030 4664-913399

LKA 134

Sexual offences (sexual coercion/rape) by strangers or those outside the victim's close social circles, including of vulnerable persons

lka134@polizei.berlin.de

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Fax: 030 4664-913499

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