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**Maneo - Gay assault helpline and victim  
support**

Telefon: (030) 2163336  
Home: www.maneo.de

**L-Support - Victim support for lesbian,  
bisexual and queer women affected by  
violence**

Telefon: (030) 45961865  
Home: www.l-support.net

**Lesbian counselling e.V.**

Telefon: (030) 2152000  
Home: www.lesbenberatung-berlin.de

**Sonntags-Club e. V.**

Advice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\* and  
inter\*

Telefon: (030) 4497590  
Home: www.sonntags-club.de

**Schwulenberatung Berlin**

Advice for queer and transgender people

Telefon: (030) 446688111  
Home: www.schwulenberatungberlin.de

Notify the police immediately  
if YOU are a victim of or  
witness to a crime!

Emergency Call **110**

# Press charges!

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**(Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals,  
Transgender, Intersex & Queers)**



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# Why should I report this?

## What is relevant under criminal law?

Slurs such as “fag” (schwule Sau), „fucking lesbian“ (scheiß Lesbe) or similar may already constitute a criminal offence. If you feel that your sense of honour has been violated, this is an insult. Being the target of thrown objects, being spat upon and other physical attacks are relevant under criminal law. The final assessment of the incident is the responsibility of the public prosecutor's office.

## How long after the offence can I file a complaint?

In principle, you can still file charges weeks or months after the offence. Restrictions may arise in the case of offences which are not automatically prosecuted, as these require the filing of a criminal complaint within 3 months.

## May a person I trust accompany me to the police station?

Yes.

## What happens after a criminal complaint has been filed?

Either you will receive a summons to appear as a witness or you will be sent a questionnaire. If you have indicated that you can recognise the perpetrator(s), you will be asked to look at corresponding photos. Please comply with these summonses and provide the police with the necessary information as, without your assistance, there is often no way to identify the perpetrator(s).

Hate crime against „sexual orientation“ and/or „gender identity“ and/or „gender diversity“ is usually dealt with by the responsible specialised police department with LGBTI relevance: the Central Office for Hate Crime.

## Possible reservations/fears of those affected in connection with criminal charges:

*„I can't describe or recognise the perpetrator(s) anyway. I have no witnesses.“*

Perpetrators often do not just act once. With your report you can help to prevent further offences. In addition, the police may already have findings/further criminal charges or reports that make identification possible in the long term.

*„It's no use anyway/They won't take me seriously.“*

Where the police are not aware of any offences, they will not take any special measures. This means: report the facts so that the police know where crimes are taking place. This is the only way the police can act at all.

The number of unreported cases in the area of homophobic and transphobic crime is above average. Help us to bring these cases to light.

*„They won't be punished anyway.“*

The perpetrators may not always receive prison sentences but fines can also be severe.

*„Will the accused find out my home address?“*

You can give an address other than your private address, e.g. from a victim support project. This is part of victim protection. However, it must be ensured that you can be reached at this address.

## How can I file a criminal complaint?

1. If you are in an acute emergency situation, please use the police emergency telephone number „110“.
2. You can file a complaint at any police station.
3. You can use the internet watch. You enter your personal details and the facts of the case plus any witnesses into the form. You will be contacted in the further course of the investigation.

**Internetwache: [www.polizei.berlin.de](http://www.polizei.berlin.de)**

**The contact persons of the Berlin police for LGBTIQ can be reached at 030/4664-979444. They will be happy to advise you and, if necessary, refer you to a victim support project that can provide you with comprehensive legal and psychological support. It is not necessary to file a criminal complaint.**

**The contact persons for LGBTI people at the Berlin public prosecutor's office are also available for advice at 030/9014 3526 and 030/9014 2733.**