

What exceptions apply in the ban zone?

Exceptions to this ban, for example for commercial reasons, are listed in the Regulation on the 'Prohibition of carrying weapons and knives' issued 17 December 2024 by the Berlin Senate Department for the Interior and Sport.

Where does the weapons and knives ban apply?

On public streets, paths, squares and in means of transport and public transport facilities within the areas described and mapped at Görlitzer Park, Kottbusser Tor and Leopoldplatz.

Public roads, paths and squares are all areas that are reserved for public transport or on which public transport actually operates. These include, in particular, lanes, cycle paths, sidewalks, parking spaces, pedestrian underpasses, green spaces and parks. The means of transport and facilities of public transport include the vehicles, stops, railway buildings and the publicly accessible areas of the platforms.

The above explanations are based on our current understanding, however, the Regulation on the 'Prohibition of carrying weapons and knives' at Görlitzer Park, Kottbusser Tor and Leopoldplatz issued by the Berlin Senate Department for the Interior and Sport on 17 December 2024 is authoritative.



Further information and interactive maps of the ban zones are available online at www.polizei.berlin.de

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Ban zones

In accordance with Article 1 of the Regulation on the 'Prohibition of carrying weapons and knives' of the Berlin Senate Department for the Interior and Sport of 17 December 2024, the carrying of weapons and knives on public roads, paths, squares and in means of transport and public transport facilities within the described and mapped areas at **Görlitzer Park, Kottbusser Tor and Leopoldplatz** is prohibited.

The Regulation on the 'Prohibition of carrying weapons and knives' for the prohibited zones has been in force permanently since 15 February 2025.

What is banned?

The ban applies to the carrying of

- weapons within the meaning of the Weapons Act, including firearms, alarm weapons, irritant and signalling weapons, arrow launchers, crossbows, cutting and thrusting weapons
- any knives, which include kitchen and utility knives

and applies to **all** persons within the defined weapons ban zone.

Why weapon and knife ban zones?

The weapons and knife ban zones affect areas in which an accumulation of offences involving the use of weapons and violent crimes such as robbery, assault, etc. can be observed.

The aim is to further increase security for citizens in these neighbourhoods and reduce crime.

The new regulations enable the Berlin police to intervene at an early stage and carry out checks even before there is a concrete suspicion of a criminal offence or danger, i.e. without a given suspicion.

How do I recognize the ban zones?

The Regulation on the „Prohibition of carrying weapons and knives“ of 17 December 2024 of the Berlin Senate Department for the Interior and Sport will become valid and effective on 15 February 2025 through publication in the Official Gazette even without the prohibition zones being signposted.

Nevertheless, in order to educate the population and to enhance subjective safety, the Berlin police will endeavour to signpost the prohibited zones immediately.

In future, this sign will indicate the ban on weapons and knives at the boundaries of the prohibited zones and in parts within the zones. The QR code shown there will take you directly to this information page.



What is the penalty for violating the Regulation?

Violations of the ban on carrying weapons and knives constitute an administrative offence that can be punished with a fine of up to €10.000.

The weapons and knives can be confiscated.