

## GERMANY RISK ASSESSMENT



### City & Country

Germany, various

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### Before you go –

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office provides travel advice by country. It covers safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health and natural disasters along with a host of other useful information. We strongly recommend that students read the section related to their destination prior to departure and before undertaking any trip to another part of the county/region.

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/>

### VISA REGULATIONS

British Citizens do not need a visa to enter Germany. If you hold a different type of British nationality or have another nationality altogether, please check entry requirements with the German Embassy. The German government has reinstated immigration controls at its borders with Austria.

If you intend to work or study in Germany you must register with the German authorities (Einwohnermeldeamt) within 3 months of arrival. There is no longer a requirement for EU citizens to apply for a residence permit. \*\*\*Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website\*\*\*

### HEALTH

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. If you are referred to a medical facility for treatment you should contact your insurance/medical assistance company immediately.

If you're visiting Germany you should get a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving the UK. The EHIC isn't a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it entitles you to state provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as German nationals. The EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, so you should make sure you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. \*\*\*Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website\*\*\*

## **TERRORISM**

Terrorists are very likely to try to carry out attacks in Germany. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in public places visited by foreigners. The German government has announced that increased security has been put in place as a precaution at public buildings, major events, transport hubs and large public gatherings.

Recent attacks in Germany include:

- on 19 December 2016, a lorry was driven into a crowd at a Christmas market in central Berlin causing 12 deaths and a number of injuries.
- on 24 July 2016, a suicide bomb outside a wine bar in Ansbach injured 15 people.

The main threat is from extremists linked to Daesh (formerly referred to as ISIL). Daesh have claimed responsibility for attacks in Germany.

The German authorities have successfully disrupted planned attacks and made a number of arrests.

There's a heightened threat of terrorist attack globally against UK interests and British nationals, from groups or individuals motivated by the conflict in Iraq and Syria. You should be vigilant at this time.

Find out more about the [global threat from terrorism](#), how to minimise your risk and what to do in the event of a terrorist attack.

Type	Nature of the Hazard	Procedures to Minimise Risk
<b>CRIME</b>	<p>Crime levels are broadly similar to the UK. Take sensible precautions to avoid mugging, bag snatching and pick pocketing</p>	<p>Be particularly vigilant at airports, railway stations and crowded public gatherings. Do not leave valuables unattended. If your passport has been stolen, you must go to the nearest police station and get a police report.</p>
<b>OTHER</b>	<p>You don't have to carry your passport with you while in Germany, but if you're asked to show your passport and you don't have it with you, the police may escort you to wherever your passport is being kept so that you can show it to them.</p> <p>It is illegal to cross German pedestrian crossings when the red pedestrian light is on. Offenders risk a fine and payment of all costs in the event of an accident.</p>	<p>Carry a copy of your passport with you at all times.</p>