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# WEAPON AND KNIFE FREE ZONE

Mannheim is generally a safe city. The city and police intervene at the first sign of a change in the security situation. Now is no exception: Police evaluations show an increase in the incidents of aggravated crime. In addition, the 2022/2023 safety survey shows a slight increase in the fear of crime. This trend is to be halted. The weapon and knife free zone serves as an early intervention to curb the number of aggravated crimes. The subjective feeling of safety shall also increase again in the long term.

## When does the ban on weapons and knives apply?

- Fridays from 8:00 pm to 06:00 am on Saturdays
- Saturdays from 8:00 pm to 06:00 am on Sundays
- On days before public holidays from 8:00 pm to 06:00 am on the morning of the holiday

## Which weapon bans already exist?

The Weapons Act already prohibits the carrying of weapons within the meaning of Section 1 (2) of the Weapons Act, in particular:

- Firearms and alarm weapons
- Simulated weapons (objects that look deceptively similar to real firearms)
- Cutting, thrusting and stabbing weapons
- Electric impulse devices (so-called stun guns)

## What else applies in Mannheim?

The following are also prohibited:

- Knives with a fixed or lockable blade with a blade length of more than four centimeters



## How is the ban controlled?

The police will enforce the ban within the scope of their existing powers under police law.

## What are the penalties for being found with a weapon or knife?

Anyone who carries a weapon or knife despite the ban must expect the item to be confiscated and a fine of up to 10,000 euros.