



Stop Violence!

Information about orders to vacate the home and restraining orders related to domestic violence – civil law-related preventive measures

Since 1 January 2007, the police of the Canton of Aargau can order violent people to vacate an apartment or house and prohibit them from returning for up to 20 days. This is to prevent further violence from occurring within the personal environment of the family or within a marriage or a partnership.

During the period of the restraining order, the perpetrator is not allowed to enter the apartment or house or remain in the near vicinity – not even if the victim is agreeable to their return. If the perpetrator disobeys the restraining order, they will be fined.

For the victims:

In the wake of the police intervention, the centre for the prevention of domestic violence (Anlaufstelle gegen häusliche Gewalt Aargau) will contact you and offer you advice in addition to directing you to a suitable specialist organisation. This service is free of charge.

In the event of a criminal offence, you have the right to take advantage of the Victim Support service. In this case, the police will forward your personal details directly to the Victim Support Office (Beratungsstelle Opferhilfe Aargau Solothurn). An adviser will subsequently get in touch with you and help you take further action. You may also decide to contact the Victim Support Office yourself (tel. 062 835 47 90). This service is also free of charge. The Victim Support Office will also advise you if you would like to apply for further protection via the District Court (Bezirksgericht) that would last longer than the restraining order. The application should be submitted before the restraining order expires.

If the perpetrator does not adhere to the restraining order, you should call the police immediately (tel. 117). If you don't feel safe at home, you may find shelter with relatives, friends or in one of the following institutions: Frauenhaus (women's refuge/shelter, tel. 062 823 86 00), ZwüscheHalt (tel. 079 558 85 79, for men affected by violence with their children).

For the perpetrators:

Violence is not the answer. In the wake of the police intervention, the centre for the prevention of domestic violence (Anlaufstelle gegen häusliche Gewalt Aargau) will contact you and invite you to a brief consultation. There, you will meet with a specialist to clarify which type of support you need in order to avoid violence in future. You may also contact the advice centre in the event that no police intervention has occurred (tel. 062 550 20 20). The brief consultation is free of charge and confidential.

Violent individuals can also attend a tutorial programme or take advantage of individual violence counselling. Both these options require a small financial contribution. The centre for the prevention of domestic violence will provide you with free information and arrange your participation as required. Get help before it's too late.

Addresses:

The addresses of the most important consulting services for domestic violence can be found at the end of this brochure.