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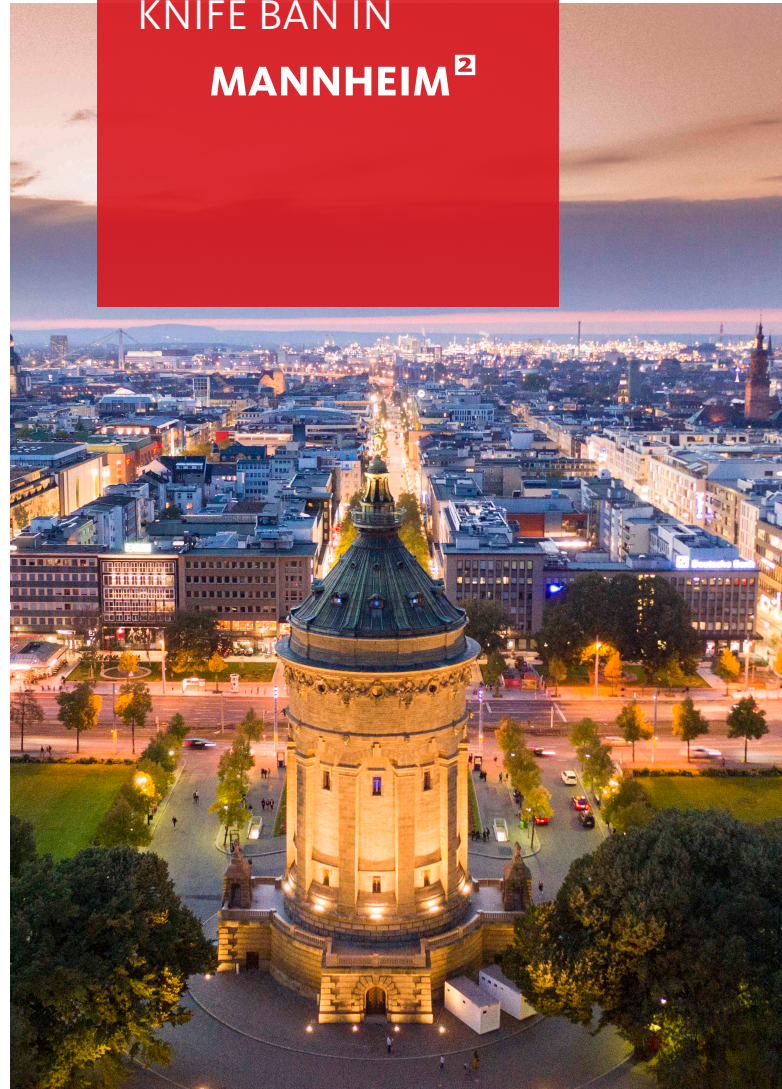
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WEAPONS AND
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Sicherheit und Ordnung

WEAPONS AND KNIFE ZONE

To give the inhabitants of Mannheim a greater sense of security and improve their quality of life, the Mannheim Police Headquarters and the City of Mannheim have agreed to set up a zone where weapons and knives are banned (Waffen- und Messerverbotzone – WMVZ) in the Mannheim city centre, in Jungbusch, in the Kurpfalzbrücke area and in parts of Neckarstadt.

The objective of this measure – which is part of a broad package of measures – is to help make public spaces safer and prevent violence by reducing the risk of weapons or knives being used in conflicts. Therefore, it serves as a contribution to the feeling of security of all citizens and visitors.

When does the ban on weapons and knives apply?

- From 6 p.m. on Fridays to 6 a.m. on Sundays
- From 6 p.m. on days before public holidays to 6 a.m. on the morning of public holidays

Which bans on weapons are already in place?

The carrying of weapons within the meaning of Section 1 (2) of the German Weapons Act (WaffG) is already banned:

- Firearms and alarm pistols
- Fake weapons (objects that look very similar to real firearms)
- Slashing, thrusting and stabbing weapons
- Electric shock devices (stun guns)



What else applies in Mannheim?

Additionally, the following are banned in Mannheim:

- Knives with a fixed or locking blade of a length of more than 4 cm

What are the penalties for carrying a weapon or knife?

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