

REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

IN POZNAŃ

Orientation meeting

Law and safety in Wielkopolska

Poznań University of Technology, 16th March 2022



Structure of the Wielkopolska Police

City Police HQ	4
County Police HQ	27
Police Stations	58
Police Offices	54
Special Police Stations	1
Wielkopolska Riot Police Division	
Police Counterterrorist Special Unit	

Over 8000 police officers Over 1 500 civil police employees



Police advice for visitors

In the event of an emergency you should call the free emergency **number 112**, which is operated in both Polish and English.

Moreover, in Poznań the following emergency telephone number is also available:

The City of Poznań Municipal Guards: 986



Police advice for visitors

- Connections with the mentioned numbers are free of charge;
- After dialling an emergency number, **wait for the connection**. Re-dialling the chosen number prolongs the wait;

- After your 112 number connects the operator will forward your call to the relevant service depending on the type of incident your call involves.



Police advice for visitors

AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTICE:

-should be short, clear and concise;

-It should contain information about:

- (1) The **place** of reported incident;
- (2) The **kind** of incident (e.g. assault, battery, theft, collision and road accident);
- (3) The **name** of the **person reporting** the crime or incident (first name, surname, contact telephone).































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Police stations in Poznań

Poznań Północ (Poznań North):

os. Jana III Sobieskiego 115, 60-346 Poznań **Phone:** 61 84-146-11 **e-mail:** <u>dyzurny.poznan-polnoc@po.policja.gov.pl</u>

Poznań Nowe Miasto (Poznań New Town): ul. Polanka 24, 61-131 Poznań Phone: 61 841-23-11

e-mail: dyzurny.poznan-nowe-miasto@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Grunwald: ul. Rycerska 2, 60-346 Poznań Phone: 61 84-121-11, 61-84-121-12 e-mail: dyzurny.poznan-grunwald@po.policja.gov.pl



Police stations in Poznań

Poznań Wilda:

ul. Chłapowskiego 12, 60-504 Poznań (temporarily ul. Taborowa 22) Phone: 61 84-125-11, 61 84-125-12 e-mail: <u>dyzurny.poznan-wilda@po.policja.gov.pl</u>

Poznań Jeżyce:

ul. Kochanowskiego 16, 61-846 Poznań **Phone:** 61 841-22-11, 61 841-22-12 **e-mail:** <u>dyzurny.poznan-jezyce@po.policja.gov.pl</u>

Poznań Stare Miasto (Poznań Old Town): ul. Św. Marii Magdaleny 12, 60-861 Poznań Phone: 61 84-124-11 e-mail: dyzurny.poznan-stare-miasto@po.policja.gov.pl



Mobile Application My Police Station



Finds the nearest police unit and contains the address details of police officers responsible for security in the given area

National Map of Security Threats

Komenda Wojewódzka

Policji w Poznaniu

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Report recurring incidents in selected categories by using the

interactive map.



POLICE OFFICERS POWERS

Police officers have the right to e.g.:

- Check documents to verify personal identity;

- **Detain people** who cause an obvious immediate danger to human life, health and property;

- Perform **superficial frisk and luggage checking** in the case of justified suspicion of a committed prohibited act.

- Perform roadside inspections and direct traffic;



TRAFFIC LAW MAIN REGULATIONS

- In Poland traffic drives on the right;
- A vehicle must have its headlights on;
- Driver and passengers must fasten their seat belts;
- Driver may use a mobile phone only with a hands-free car kit;

- While driving a car you have to have with you a valid **driving license** (if **not issued** in Poland) and **vehicle registration** document with motor **insurance card** (for vehicles **not** registrated in Poland)

- In Poland the **driving of a car** after the consumption of alcohol or another similarly acting substance **is forbidden**;



DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC PARTICIPANT

• Traffic participant is obliged to **follow the commands, signals and indications** given by controlling party.

• In the case of **receiving the signal** to stop the vehicle, the driver is obliged to:

1) Stop the vehicle;

2) Keep his hands on the wheel and not to leave the vehicle, unless asked by the controlling party;

3) On the command of the controlling party:

a) Turn off the engine of the vehicle,

b) Turn on the hazard lights.

Note: Escaping the police roadside inspection is a crime!!!

• The driver and the passenger can leave the controlled vehicle only after receiving the permission of the controlling party.



POLISH LAW REGULATIONS Crimes and Contraventions

Contravention is a **non-criminal offense**, similar to an infraction or civil penalty in common law countries.

According to polish law prescriptions possible **sanctions** for committing a contravention are:

- Arrest;
- Fine up to 5000 złoty (in case of some traffic law violations up to 30000 złoty);
- Reprimand.



POLISH LAW REGULATIONS Crimes and Contraventions

According to the polish Penal Code there are five types of sanctions (penalties) for committing crime:

¹.Fine – financial sanction.

2. Restriction of liberty.

^{3.}Deprivation of liberty – from 1 month to 15 years.

^{4.}Deprivation of liberty for 25 years.

^{5.}Deprivation of liberty for life.





CRIMES AGAINST LIFE AND HEALTH

Participation in a **brawl or beating**, as described in the article 158 of the Penal Code.

Brawl – a fisical confrontation of at least 3 people, in which **every participant** is considered to be an **attacker**.

Beating – fisical **assault** of at least 2 people on at least 1 person. In this case we have a clear role distinction: **attackers** on one side, and **defenders** on the other.

The penalty for committing this crime depends on the degree of victims injuries.





The Penalty for the Participation in a brawl or beating:

- The deprivation liberty from 1 month up to 3 years, in the case of exposition to immediate danger of the loss of life or causing light or medium bodily injuries
- The deprivation liberty from 6 months up to 8 years in the case of causing serious bodily injuries.
- The deprivation liberty from 1 year up to 10, if the perpetrator has caused death of the human.
- The deprivation liberty from 6 months up to 8 years in the case of committing this crime with the use of a **dangerous tool**.





Offences against Sexual Liberty

Whoever, by force, illegal threat or deceit subjects another person to sexual intercourse shall be subject to the penalty of the deprivation of liberty for a term of between 2 and 12 years.

Sexual intercouse with minors under the age of 15 is a crime, perpetrator of which shall be subject to the penalty of the deprivation of liberty for a term of between 2 and 12 years.





DRUNK DRIVING OR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS IS A CRIME.

Art. 178a of polish Penal Code

§ 1. (...) {*The perpetrator*} shall be subject to a fine, restriction of freedom or imprisonment of up to 2 years.

STATE OF ALCOHOL INTOXICATION:

from 0,25 mg/dm³ of alcohol in the exhaled air from 0,5‰ of alcohol blood level

DRIVING AFTER THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER SIMILAR ACTING SUBSTANCE IS A CONTRAVENTION

Art. 87 of polish Contravention Code

§ 1. (...) {*The perpetrator*} shall be subject to arrest or a fine (...).

STATE AFTER THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: from 0,1 to 0,25 mg/dm³ alcohol in the exhaled air from 0,2 do 0,5‰ of alcohol blood level

IN BOTH CASES THE DRIVING LICENCE SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE POLICE





According to polish law hate crime is defined as an **illegal prejudice**motivated act.

It is a crime that was committed only because the victim has an **attribute** that differs it from the perpetrator or makes it **distinctive** among the majority of society.

Victims of such crimes are being chosen only on the basis of for example: different skin colour, different nationality or cultural circle, different language or religion.





In the case of hate crimes polish legal regulations indicate the following crimes:

Applying violence or illegal threat as defined in the article 119 of Penal Code, perpetrator of which shall be subject to the penalty of deprivation of liberty from 3 months up to 5 years.

Incite to hatred as defined in the article 256 § 1 of Penal Code, perpetrator of which shall be subject to a fine, the penalty of restriction of liberty or the penalty of deprivation of liberty for up to 2 years.

Insult, that is article 257 of Penal Code - deprivation of liberty for up to 3 years.

Faith/religion based discrimination as defined in the article 194 of Penal Code the penalty of restriction of liberty or the penalty of deprivation of liberty for up to 2 years.





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Article 118. Whoever, acting with an **intent to destroy in full or in part, any ethnic, racial, political or religious group, or a group with a different perspective on life**, commits homicide or causes a serious detriment to the health of a person belonging to such a group, shall be subject to the penalty of the deprivation of liberty for a minimum term of 12 years, the penalty of deprivation of liberty for 25 years or the penalty of deprivation of liberty for life.

Article 118a – Mass assault against a group of people.

Article 126a – **Public encouragement for committing crimes** from the articles 118, 118a, 119 and 120-126a of Penal Code.



SELECTED COMMON CONTRAVENTIONS

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SELECTED COMMON CONTRAVENTIONS

- Not leaving the gavering after receiving the call from authorized agency, art. 50 of Contravention Code;
- Breach (disturbing) of the piece, by scream, noise, alarm or other action, art. 51 of Contravention Code;
- Public behaviour misdemeanor, art. 54 of Contravention Code;
- Misinforming of an authorised agency on the identity, nationality, occupation, place of stay of oneself or another person; also not giving to an authorised party documents concerning the above, art. 65 of Contravention Code;



SELECTED COMMON CONTRAVENTIONS

- Destruction or damaging of the warning sign, art. 74 of the Contravention Code;
- Theft, art. 119 of the Contravention Code;
- Destruction of possession, art. 124 of the Contravention Code;
- Littering, art. 145 of the Contravention Code;



SPECIFIC LAW REGULATIONS

- **Alcohol drinking** in public places (ex. parks, squares, streets) is **prohibited** apart from summer gardens situated close to bars, cafés, restaurants;

- The transport of **drugs and psychoactive substances** into and out of the country, as well as the **possession** of such substances, is **forbidden**;

- The **possession of firearms** without permission required by law is **prohibited**.



CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Updated information on the **coronavirus** situation in Poland is consequently published **in English** on the Website of the Republic of Poland:

https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus



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