



Komenda Wojewódzka Policji w Poznaniu
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Regional Police Headquarters in Poznan

Orientation Meeting

Law and safety in Greater Poland Voivodeship



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Structure of Police in Greater Poland Voivodeship



- City Police HQ – 4
- Country Police HQ – 27
- Police Stations – 58
- Police Offices – 64
- Special Police Stations – 1
- Special Riot Unit in Poznan
- Police Counterterrorism Special Unit

About 8400 police officers and over 1500 civil employees



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Important numbers

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

The City of Poznań Municipal Guards: **986**



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- 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.



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AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTICE:

-should be short, clear and concise;

-It should contain information about:

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



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Police Uniforms in Poland





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Police cars in Poland

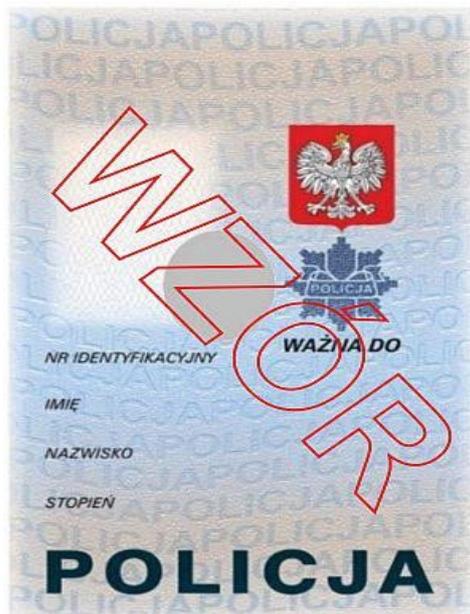




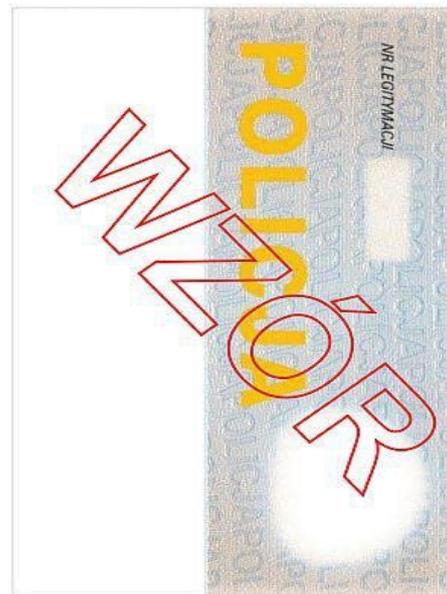
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Police ID Card



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Police Stations in Poznan

Poznań Stare Miasto (Poznań Old Town): ul. Al. Marcinkowskiego 31
Phone: 47 771 24 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-staremiasto@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Jeżyce: ul. Kochanowskiego 16,
Phone: 47 771 22 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-jezyce@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Wilda: ul. Chłapowskiego 12,
Phone: 47 771 25 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-wilda@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Grunwald: ul. Rycerska 2,
Phone: 47 771 21 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-grunwald@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Nowe Miasto (Poznań New Town): ul. Polanka 24,
Phone: 47 771 23 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-nowe-miasto@po.policja.gov.pl

Poznań Północ (Poznań North): os. Jana III Sobieskiego 115,
Phone: 47 771 46 11 **e-mail:** dyzurny.poznan-polnoc@po.policja.gov.pl



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What are police officer rights?

- **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**;



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Most important regulations in polish traffic law

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** registered in Poland)

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



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Duties of 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:

- Stop the vehicle;
- 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:
 - Turn off the engine of the vehicle,
 - Turn on the hazard lights.

Escaping the police roadside inspection is a serious crime!

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



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Polish law regulations

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.



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Polish law regulations

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

- Fine – financial sanction.
- Restriction of liberty.
- Deprivation of liberty – from 1 month to 15 years.
- Deprivation of liberty for 25 years.
- Deprivation of liberty for life.



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Selected crimes

CRIMES AGAINST LIFE AND HEALTH

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

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

Beating – physical **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.



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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**.



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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 intercourse 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.



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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



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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



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Hate crimes

According to Polish law hate crime is defined as an **illegal prejudicemotivated 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.



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

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.



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- 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;



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- 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;



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Specific law regulaions

- **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**.



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