

POLICE CONTROLS

Why may the police check your identity?

In general police in Germany must not control persons identity without any reason! There always has to be a clue about any disturbance of the public policy, for example criminal act. At the same time there are places which are declared to be „dangerous areas“ by the police, where they always may control your identity.

Which information do you have to give?

You must only give the information on your identity card, such as birth and living place, name, and so on. Don't tell them your exact profession nor your employer. Also don't say anything about your best friend, dog or what ever!

Why may the police search your belongings?

To search your bag, jacket or trousers there has to be any evidence about a criminal act too. Also they may check your personal belongings around so called „dangerous places“ as well as your identity. The official reason is §23 in the saxonian police law.

Police is controlling others?

Solidarity!

If you see any controls, stay there, ask for reasons and observe it. Don't let the police send you away - as long as you don't disturb them, they are not allowed to. It may be helpfull for persons who are harrassed by the police to know that its not unobserved and police may be less aggressive and joyfull.