

Prostitute Protection Act

Health advice for sex workers

The act for regulation of the prostitution trade and the protection of sex workers – also called prostitute protection act – is in force since 1st July 2017. This website provides information about the required health advice in Hamburg. This is provided by health office with the name **GESAH14** (short for: Health advice for sex workers in Hamburg in Große Reichenstraße 14).

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How to make an appointment for the health advice at GESAH14?

Please call 040 428 37 4120 for an appointment or if you have other questions.

Opening hours of the health office GESAH14:

Monday 9:00 - 12:00 o'clock and 13:00 – 17:00 o'clock

Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 o'clock and 13:00 – 17:00 o'clock

Wednesday 13:00 – 16:00 o'clock

Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 o'clock and 13:00 – 16:00 o'clock

Friday 9:00 – 12:00 o'clock

You can also write to gesah@soziales.hamburg.de

How to receive advice in different languages?

Please call during the opening hours. Please inform the centre when booking the appointment which language you would like to use. We offer advice in most languages, for many languages we provide professional translators. You cannot bring someone with you to translate for you.

Who is responsible for the health advice?

Responsible for the health advice is the Sozialbehörde Hamburg (ministry of social affairs). The name of the health office is GESAH14 (short for: Health advice for sex workers in Hamburg for §10 Prostitute Protection Law). Social workers will advise you. A medical doctor and administrative staff support the team.

Where is the health office GESAH14?

The address of the centre is

Große Reichenstraße 14, 3rd floor

20457 Hamburg

Why do sex workers need health advice?

Since 1st July 2017 everyone who wants to work as sex worker in Hamburg has to register. For the registration as a sex worker you will need to provide different documents, amongst others the certificate of the health advice. It is not possible to receive a registration without this certificate. You must register within three months after having received the certificate.

What does the health advice involve?

The advice provides information about

- Prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and other diseases
- Pregnancy and contraception
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Support if you are in need
- Support in special circumstances

All advisors are required to respect confidentiality. The translators are also bound to professional confidentiality. There is *no medical examination*.

What do you need to bring with you?

When you register for the first time, please bring a national identity card or passport.

For an extension of an existing registration, please bring a national ID card or passport. Alternatively, you can bring a valid registration certificate.

How do you receive the certificate?

Immediately after your appointment, you will receive the certificate of health advice. You will need this for your registration as a sex worker. Your name and your date of birth will be shown on this certificate. It is also possible to receive a certificate with a name of your choice/nickname/phantasy name (Alias).

We do not save your personal data. Therefore, the consultation must be repeated if you lose your health certificate.

While working as a sex worker you are required to carry your ID, the registration certificate and the valid certificate of health advice with you.

How long is the certificate of health advice valid?

If you are under 21 years old, you need to renew the certificate of the advice every six months.

If you are 21 years or older, you need to renew the certificate of the advice annually (every 12 months).