

## The most important tips from the legal team

### Before the action

- Consider for yourself and together with your affinity group how far you want to go and which risks you are willing to take. Read the handout for affinity groups and the legal brochure ([www.extinctionrebellion.de/legal](http://www.extinctionrebellion.de/legal))
- In case you are willing to get arrested, consider whether you should organize some things in advance in case the custody takes longer (for example, the care for children or pets, important medication...)
- The majority of participants will give their personal details to the police. In case you consider the refusal to identify, please talk to the legal team before.
- If you are planning to obtain German citizenship, be aware that even minor convictions can stand in the way of this.

### 4 golden rules for dealing with the police

Keep calm! Remain polite! Refuse to testify!*Don't sign anything!
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\*The refusal to testify also means: don't say anything about what you did not do, don't unlock your phone or give your pin – you are not required to do so!

**When you are required to identify**, you only have to state your name, date and place of birth, address, nationality and possibly also your occupation (general) and marital status.

### In custody/when being arrested

You have the following rights, on which you should insist:

- The police has to tell you the reason for your arrest or custody.
- You have the right to two successful calls. **Use one of them to call the Ermittlungsausschuss (EA, 'investigative committee') (see backside).**
- If you need medicine or medical treatment, they are required to provide this to you.
- If you are held for a longer period, you have the right to food, drinks and to go to the toilette.
- You always have the right to refuse to testify.

## **Ermittlungsausschuss (EA)**

The EA keeps track of who is taken into custody and who left custody. They also send a lawyer if necessary. Therefore, definitely call them when you are taken into custody or when someone of your affinity group is taken by the police. Also call when you are out again. It is possible that you reach their voicemail. Don't worry, they will listen to your voicemail on time.

The phone number of the Berlin EA is 030 69 22 2 22.

It is best to write this number somewhere on your body and/or learn it by heart.

### **This is what you should tell the EA:**

- Your name or, if you want to remain anonymous, an alias.
- Where are you being held in custody.
- What are you accused of.
- Whether there are more people with you in custody.
- Whether you need important medication.

### **This is what you should not tell the EA on the phone:**

- What you or other rebels did or did not do.
- What your name is, in case you did not yet tell the police and you do not want to identify yourself.
- Which persons were also part of the action, but are not in custody.

### **After release:**

- Call the EA to tell them that you were released (even if you did not call before yourself – it is possible that someone else did it for you).

### **Other difficulties?**

If you are not in custody, but you do urgently need legal advice, you can reach the legal team here: 015129020052.

Did you receive a letter from the police or prosecution after the action? Find tips on how to deal with this and the contact details of the legal team here: [www.extinctionrebellion.de/legal](http://www.extinctionrebellion.de/legal)