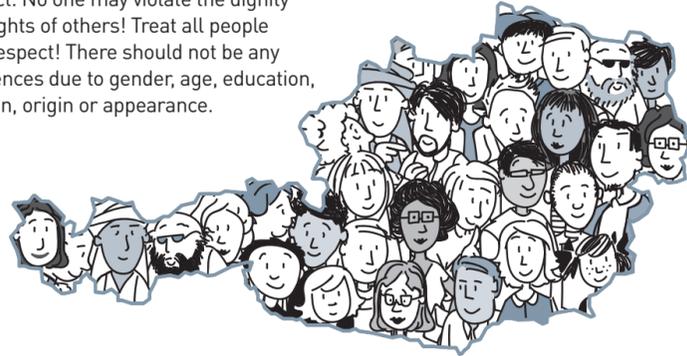


# BASIC RULES

## Human dignity

**All persons have the same rights.** Everyone has the right to be treated with respect. No one may violate the dignity and rights of others! Treat all people with respect! There should not be any differences due to gender, age, education, religion, origin or appearance.



**Violence is prohibited in Austria.** Even in the family there must not be any violence!



You are not allowed to make sexually suggestive comments or come close to another person, if that person does not want that! Sexual harassment and rape are strictly prohibited in Austria and have legal consequences. A prison sentence can be imposed!



**Help when you see injustice!** Civil courage is very important in Austria.



**Courtesy** is important in Austria – also between men and women. For example, extend your hand when greeting others.



Treat others with **respect**. For example, by being quiet at night.



## Freedom

Freedom is important in Austria! **Everyone in Austria is free to express his opinion.** But freedom also has its limits. One must not violate the dignity of others.



**In Austria everyone is free to freely choose his religion.** That means, everyone may pick his religion and live according to it.



But the laws of the state take precedence over religious rules. That is, the authorities in Austria always decide according to the law. They never decide based on religious rules.



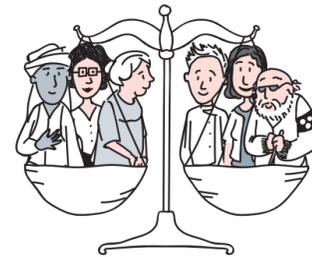
## Democracy and Rule of Law

Austria is a **democratic republic**. That is, the Austrians may choose who governs their country.



In Austria, everyone is treated equally before the law.

The state may act only according to the laws.



Police in Austria ensures the safety of all people. In case of danger please contact the police.



## Equality between women and men

**Women and men enjoy the same rights in Austria.** In Austria, women determine their own lives just like men.



A woman can decide for herself whether and when she marries. She may live with a man even if she is not married to him. Every man is also free to choose his wife or partner.



Same-sex partnerships are allowed in Austria. Women may live together with women and men with men.

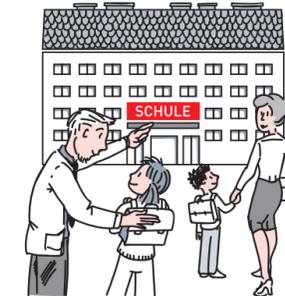


## Rights of Children

The state especially protects children.



In Austria, children have the **right to education**. All children must attend school. Support your children in school and in vocational training.



Nobody may harass children or teenagers! Sexual harassment and abuse of children and teenagers are strictly prohibited in Austria and have legal consequences. A prison sentence can be imposed!



There are sports and swimming lessons at school. Girls and boys must participate.



With a good education your children will have a better chance of finding good jobs later on in life.



**Violence against children is strictly prohibited.**



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## Austria

You are now in the Republic of Austria.

This is the heart of Europe. You are safe!

In this folder you will find a number of rules which are very important in Austria.

Please adhere to these rules!

Austria is a medium-sized country. Austria has approximately 8.6 million inhabitants.

Austria consists of nine federal provinces (Burgenland, Carinthia, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Salzburg, Styria, Tyrol, Vorarlberg and Vienna). Vienna is a federal province as well as the capital of Austria.

The official language of Austria is German.

Most people in Austria are Christians.

Austria is a safe and stable country!

Most people in Austria are doing well.

In Austria, people stick together. Solidarity is an important cornerstone of society.

People ensure that Austria remains a stable and safe country. They pay taxes and fees for health, education and social system as well as for public safety.

## Right of asylum

The rules on who obtains asylum are contained in the Geneva Convention.

Refugee is a person with a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

Those who do not have such a well-founded fear of being persecuted but whose life or health is threatened in their country of origin will receive subsidiary protection.

## Asylum procedure

You have applied for asylum in Austria. Legal advisers and interpreters will help you in the asylum procedure. The authority in charge will process your application for asylum. You have to actively participate in this process.



You must provide all of your information to the authority in charge. For example, your name and date of birth. It is important that you tell the truth! The authority in charge will examine whether Austria or another country is competent for your asylum application. Show the authority in charge all the documents you have.



The authority in charge must be able to reach you in the course of the asylum procedure. You must come to the appointments on time.

You must remain in Austrian during your asylum procedure.



## The process for the asylum procedure

The authority in charge will examine whether Austria or another country is competent for your asylum application.

You will not obtain asylum in Austria, if you have already been in another safe country.

If Austria is the competent country for your asylum procedure, the authority in charge will examine your application for asylum.



You will not obtain asylum in Austria, if you have left your country of origin for economic reasons. For example, because you did not have enough money in your country of origin.



Currently, there are a lot of asylum procedures to be processed. Therefore, the process may take longer.



If you receive a positive decision in your asylum procedure, then you may remain in Austria.



If there is a legally binding negative decision in your asylum procedure, then you must leave Austria.



## Emergency numbers

- 112 Euro-emergency
- 122 Fire brigade
- 133 Police
- 144 Rescue/Ambulance
- 141 Doctors
- 0800/222 555 Women's emergency hotline

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