

# Blocking of information due to interests worthy of protection in accordance with § 51 Federal Reporting Act (BMG)

If you are at risk from third parties by disclosing your address, you can apply to have your data blocked in the population register (information block). In such a case, please contact the registration office with your ID card.

## Competent Department

- [Bürgeramt](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Mitte](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Nord](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Stresemannstraße](#)
- [Meldeangelegenheiten](#)

## Basic information

If, through information from the civil register a danger to life, health, freedom or similar interests of the person required to register may arise, the person concerned may affected persons can apply to have their information blocked.

However, the information block only prevents information from being provided to private third parties. Registration authorities and other public bodies continue to receive the required data transfers.

Notice:

On the occasion of the registration of information blocking, we point out other third party research possibilities so that further, own protective measures can be taken on your part. Your data may also be stored at other public offices such as the tax office, the youth welfare office and at court, where further possibilities for blocking data may exist. This also includes the possibility of blocking data in other public registers such as the central vehicle register or the central register of foreigners. We also draw the attention of women who are at risk (e.g., from domestic violence, forced prostitution or "violence in the name of honor") to the nationwide help hotline "Violence against Women" of the Federal Office for Family and Civil Society Tasks (phone: 08000 116 016). Further information on this service can also be found on the Internet at [www.hilfetelefon.de](http://www.hilfetelefon.de).

## What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport

(for written application: copy of passport or identity card)

- documents proving the interest worthy of protection (e.g. court judgment or criminal complaint)

## Procedure

The application for registration of a block on information pursuant to Section 51 (1) BMG must be submitted to the registration office and reasons must be given. The application can be made in writing using the appropriate form (available for download under "Forms") at the Citizens' Registration Office (see contact address) or in person.

The facts listed must be substantiated.

The information block is limited to two years. It can be extended upon application or ex officio. The application can be made three months before the information block expires. For this purpose, it is necessary to attach current evidence justifying the interest worthy of protection.

The person concerned will be informed when the freeze is entered and before it is lifted.

## Legal bases

- [Bundesmeldegesetz](#)

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Upon receipt of the application, the information block shall be registered immediately, subject to the recognition of the grounds invoked.

## What are the costs?

free of charge