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Weapons legislation – Reporting the loss of weapons, ammunition or documents

If you have found that weapons requiring a licence, essential weapon parts, ammunition, licensing documents according to weapons legislation or a valid hunting licence were lost, you must inform (notify) the weapons authority immediately upon becoming aware of such loss. This rule applies independently of any reports filed with the police due to theft etc.

The weapons, weapon parts, licensing documents under weapons legislation or hunting licences which you report as missing will be added to the list of stolen items that are to be traced.

The weapons authority must be informed immediately, if any items that you have reported as missing are found again fully or in part. Delays in reporting may result in a fine.

Applying for a replacement copy

- If you have lost a licensing document such as an arms possession card, hunting licence, alarm gun licence or weapons trading permit for which you need a replacement copy, you must apply for such copy separately (see “More information”).
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Prerequisites

- **Lost weapons/weapon parts, documents or ammunition**
Weapons for which a licence is required, weapon parts, ammunition, a licensing document according to weapons legislation or a valid hunting licence were lost (stolen, lost, cannot be found).
- **You were granted an arms or hunting licence.**

Documents required

- **Report of loss or theft of firearms, ammunition or licensing certificates**
 - Online processing: please keep all required documents and certificates ready for upload in PDF, JPG, JPEG, PNG or DOCX format. The files should be named as follows: `firstname_surname_description.pdf`
 - As an alternative, you may submit the application by postal mail or e-mail: please post or email the signed application and all certificates and personal documents to the weapons authority of the Berlin police.
- **Details of weapons/weapon parts, ammunition or licensing documents at the time of loss**
- **Identity card or passport**

As a photocopy or photograph

- **Any licensing documents according to weapons legislation**

If you have lost weapons and/or essential weapon parts, you must arrange for the arms possession card and the European Firearms Pass (if you were issued one) to be corrected by the weapons authority.

- You must mail the licensing documents to the weapons authority or hand them over in person.

Forms

- **Report of loss or theft of firearms, ammunition or licensing certificates**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/waffenbehoerde_verlustanzeige.pdf)

Fees

None

Legal basis

- **Weapons Act (WaffG)**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/waffg_2002/)

- **German Game Law (BJagdG)**

(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bjagdg/BJNR007800952.html>)

Average time to process request

The weapons authority will contact the person who filed the report without being prompted to do so.

More information

- **Information about weapons legislation - Information sheet for parents and teachers**

(https://www.berlin.de/polizei/_assets/service/flyer_informationen_zu_waffenrecht_online_leseversion.pdf)

- **Weapons authority of the Berlin police**

(<https://www.berlin.de/polizei/service/waffenbehoerde/>)

- **Weapons legislation - Applying for replacement copies of documents**

(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330842>)

Average time to process request

<https://bda.service.berlin.de/intelliform/forms/default/bda/WaffB-Verlustanzeige/index>