

Have you experienced crimes on your way to Germany or in Germany? We are a research project and we would like to talk to you about your story!

Who are we and what do we do?

We are researchers from the Ruhr University Bochum. We do research on crime and people affected by crime. We want to find out by which crimes people with experiences of displacement have been affected. We want to know how they are doing in Germany. Therefore, we are looking for people who tell us about their experiences on their way to Germany and in Germany.

Can you trust us?

Yes. We would like to hear your story. You decide for yourself what you want to tell us. There is no right or wrong. We do not want you to feel bad. We will not pass on any private information to other people. This is our legal obligation.

What happens to your story?

We collect information from many persons like you. We want to collect your story and that of others in one report. There are no names mentioned in this report. Your story is an example for the situation of refugees in Germany. We publish the report and send it to German politicians and organisations, so they learn how people like you are doing in Germany.

How is the conversation working?

You decide where we meet and which language we use (your mother tongue, German or English). If you would like to speak in your mother tongue with us, a translator will translate the interview. The researcher asks you questions about crimes you have experienced. He or she asks what you have experienced and how you are doing today. You only tell what you want to do.

During the conversation, we record your story. We do this so we can remember your whole story. Later we will write down what you have told us. We will not save names. You remain anonymous. We will not pass on any information about you.

After the conversation

If you do not feel well after telling your story, we can arrange a psychotherapeutic meeting for you or give you an address of a psychotherapist, so you can make an appointment yourself. We will not know whether you have made an appointment und what you have spoken about with the psychotherapist.

If you want to check again, what you have said during the conversation, please contact us. We can show to you the audio record and you can listen to it.

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