

# TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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<b>Relevant legislation:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excerpt from the GERMAN CRIMINAL CODE</b> as amended on 5 November 2008</p> <p><b>Section 249 Robbery</b></p> <p>(1) Whosoever, by force against a person or threats of imminent danger to life or limb, takes chattels belonging to another from another with the intent of appropriating the property for himself or a third person, shall be liable to imprisonment of not less than one year.</p> <p>(2) In less serious cases the penalty shall be imprisonment from six months to five years.</p> <p><b>Section 250 Aggravated robbery</b></p> <p>(1) The penalty shall be imprisonment of not less than three years if</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. the offender or another accomplice to the robbery<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) carries a weapon or other dangerous instrument;</li><li>(b) otherwise carries an instrument or means in order to prevent or overcome the resistance of another person by force or threat force;</li><li>(c) by the act places another person in danger of serious injury; or</li></ol></li><li>2. the offender commits the robbery as a member of a gang whose purpose is the continued commission of robbery or theft under participation of another member of the gang.</li></ol> <p>(2) The penalty shall be imprisonment of not less than five years if the offender or another accomplice to the robbery</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. uses a weapon or other dangerous instrument during the commission of the offence;</li><li>1. carries a weapon in cases under subsection (1) No 2 above; or</li><li>2. during or by the offence<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) seriously physically abuses another person; or</li><li>(b) places another person in danger of death.</li></ol></li></ol> <p>(3) In less serious cases under subsections (1) and (2) above the penalty shall be imprisonment from one to ten years.</p>
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	<p><b>Section 251 Robbery causing death</b></p> <p>If by the robbery (section 249 and section 250) the offender at least by gross negligence causes the death of another person the penalty shall be imprisonment for life or not less than ten years</p>
<p><b>Trends:</b></p>	<p>After rising in 2002/2003, the number of reported robberies has fallen since 2004. In 2007, the number of cases was the lowest it has been since 1993 (2007: 52,949; 2006: 53,696; 1993: 61,757).</p> <p>In more than two-thirds of bank or post office robberies, the perpetrators threatened to use firearms; this was rarely the case with street crime (muggings and snatch theft). Two out of five robberies took place in cities with more than 500,000 residents. By contrast, more than two out of five robberies of banks and the like took place in communities with fewer than 20,000 residents.</p> <p>According to law enforcement statistics, women rarely commit robberies. In almost half the incidents of street crime (2,170; not counting snatch thefts) the suspects are minors. Most street crime occurs in connection with youth violence, in which victims are the same age or younger than the perpetrators.</p>
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