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# Criminal charges recording hatred and hate speech online

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99089036034004
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Criminal charges recording hatred and hate speech online
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Report hatred and hate speech online
Typisierung	3a - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">theft</div> , <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">victim

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	lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">suspicion</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	§ 158Code of Criminal Procedure (StPO) <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stpo/_158.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stpo/_158.html</a>
Teaser	If you have become aware of hate and incitement on the Internet, you can file a report.
Volltext	It is forbidden to spread hatred or incitement against certain groups of people on the Internet, for example based on their nationality, race, religion or origin. The term "hate" here does not just mean normal rejection, but a particularly hostile attitude towards these people. If someone calls for this or spreads such hateful statements, it can be a criminal offense. If you have knowledge of such an incident, you can file a criminal complaint. By filing a criminal complaint, you inform the relevant authorities that a potentially criminal offense has occurred. You can file a criminal complaint regardless of whether you are themselves affected (harmed) by the crime, can testify to a crime or are uninvolved. You can file a report without giving your name or contact details (anonymously). The criminal complaint serves as a starting point for investigations by the law enforcement authorities, who then check whether criminal proceedings can be initiated by the court.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	No

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Voraussetzungen	Anyone with knowledge of a criminal offense can report it. You don't have to meet any specific requirements.
Kosten	Gebühr: Es fallen keine Kosten an
Verfahrensablauf	You can file a criminal complaint online, in writing, by telephone or in person. You can contact any police station with your criminal complaint. Your criminal complaint will then be forwarded to the police station responsible for the crime. If you file your criminal complaint online, it will automatically be forwarded to the responsible police station. You can provide personal information (name, address, mobile number, email address) or remain anonymous. They indicate the location where the crime occurred. They indicate what type of crime it is. They provide further information about the crime scene, the time of the crime, the perpetrator and the event itself. You will be given legal advice. It is possible to attach relevant documents such as purchase receipts, receipts, screenshots or photos to your criminal complaint. If you provide your contact details or appear in person, you will receive a case number for your criminal complaint and the contact details of the police station handling the case. The responsible police department receives the report and examines it. If necessary, an investigation will be initiated. If there is enough evidence of a crime, the prosecutor can file charges. The case is brought before the court and a jury trial takes place. If no investigative approaches are available, the proceedings will be discontinued.
Bearbeitungsdauer	The processing time depends on various factors. It is not possible to set a specific time limit.
Frist	You do not have to meet any deadline. Please note: Some crimes become statute-barred after a certain period of time. This means that the perpetrator can no longer be punished for the crime. You should therefore always file a criminal complaint as soon as possible.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	If you file a criminal complaint, you are essentially a

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witness in the criminal proceedings. You may have to go to the relevant police station as part of the further processing of your complaint, for example so that a witness interview can be conducted with you in person. If you are aware of a crime but do not report it, you may be committing a criminal offense. Crimes such as murder, robbery, war crimes and high treason must be reported. A criminal complaint cannot be withdrawn. You should therefore think carefully about whether you want to file a criminal complaint. Online you can choose the type of crime from the following categories: Theft/property crime, Fraud, Damage to property Hate and incitement on the Internet If you want to report another crime, select the category "other criminal complaint". The chances of success vary depending on the type of crime. Generally speaking, the more information you provide, the higher the chances that the police will find the perpetrator. Be careful if you only suspect that a crime has been committed. It can be a criminal offence to falsely accuse someone. It is also a criminal offence to knowingly falsely accuse someone of a crime in order to damage his or her reputation. If you file a report using untrue information, legal action can also be taken against you. The law provides for a fine or even imprisonment for up to five years for false accusations. Therefore, it is important to make sure your information is accurate and reliable before taking legal action.

**Rechtsbehelf**

No

**Kurztext**

File a criminal complaint for hate speech and incitement online Prohibited: Hate or incitement on the Internet against certain groups (nationality, race, religion, origin) "Hate" does not just mean rejection, but particularly hostile attitude It is punishable if someone calls for or spreads such statements If you are aware of the incident: Possibility of filing a criminal complaint Criminal complaint informs authorities about possible criminal offense Report regardless of whether you are personally affected, a witness or not involved Anonymous criminal complaints possible, without mentioning names or contact details Criminal complaint serves as a starting point for investigations and criminal proceedings

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Ansprechpunkt	<p>If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to</p> <p>Authority finder Hamburg</p>
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	<p>Behördenfinder Hamburg, Authority finder Hamburg</p> <p>(Currently this link is only available in german)</p>