

WELCOME TO THE SQUAT!

What can I do?

The more people inside the house the better. There are many things that need to be done, especially in the early phase of building up a common used house. For example:

- painting banners (bring colours, brushes and fabrics)
- make some music for a nice atmosphere
- tell all your friends to join
- don't take any pictures. You don't know if people are ok with it. And it helps the police to get information.

You don't want to go inside? There are many possibilities to be supportive from outside

- be there and draw attention to what's happening (the police is often not as violent if there are people watching)
- form blockades to protect the building
- make music and be loud
- organize solidarity demonstrations (and take part)
- make some food, bring some cake or tea in a thermos

Squats seen from a legal point of view?

"Do I make myself liable to prosecution if I go into the building or help building something up?"

A squat is seen as trespassing if the owner presses charges. There's also a possibility of being charged for property damage. There will be legal proceedings if the owner reports it, or sometimes if there is a so-called significant public interest.

"So I got it right, that the squatters can have a lot of legal problems if the decision makers want to beat them up."

That's right. That's why we don't talk to cops, take pictures or videos.

This also means that entering the house can endanger the status of people with an unsure residence permit.

What happens when the police come?

If you are in an action it is wise not to talk to cops, even if there are (currently) no charges against you. If the police show up, stay calm, talk to the people around you about how you want to react. And remember: never talk to the cops!

Giving personal data:

The police are allowed to ask for your personal data. You only have to give them your name, the address you are registered with, your marital status and nationality.



Some people decide not to give their identities. The consequences can be, for example, being held for longer in detention, or the taking of your fingerprints. So inform yourself about this option beforehand.

*** You are being arrested? Call the legal team (EA): 0761 - 4097251 ***