

Messe Karlsruhe | House rules and regulations

1. Scope and house regulations

1.1 These house rules apply throughout the exhibition grounds at the Messe Karlsruhe site, the halls and buildings of the Conference Centre at the Festplatz in Karlsruhe (Stadthalle, Schwarzwaldhalle, Konzerthaus and Gartenhalle), and to sectioned-off event areas at the Festplatz. In the following, these halls, buildings and open-air spaces are referred to as "places of assembly".

1.2 These places of assembly are private property and subject to the house rules of Karlsruher Messe- und Kongress GmbH (hereinafter referred to as "Messe Karlsruhe"), Festplatz 9, 76137 Karlsruhe, Germany, which enforces the house rules throughout the premises together with the respective organiser and its own representatives.

1.3 The house rules apply to all visitors, exhibitors, tenants, service providers and all other persons unless otherwise specified in an individual agreement. They do not apply to employees of Messe Karlsruhe.

1.4 Possible consequences of an infringement of these house rules:

- Immediate removal from the premises
- Exclusion from the event
- Ban on entering the premises
- Criminal prosecution
- Claim for damages

A refund of entrance fees is excluded in these cases.

1.5 Additional event-specific regulations are announced by posters or other means (Internet, entry tickets, etc.).

2. Right to enter and remain on the premises

2.1 The right to enter and remain on the premises shall only be granted to persons who can show either a valid entry ticket, an accreditation valid for the day of the event or other access authorisation.

2.2 Persons are only permitted to remain in the buildings for the times and purposes specified by the access authorisation. The access authorisation must be carried until the person leaves the premises and be shown to security personnel upon request.

2.3 Persons wishing to purchase an entry ticket may access the ticket office area.

2.4 Children and young people under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible person. Otherwise, the provisions of the German Youth Protection Act (*Jugendschutzgesetz*) shall apply.

2.5 For security reasons, Messe Karlsruhe may prohibit the taking of bags and rucksacks into the premises and require bags, rucksacks and coats to be deposited in the cloakroom for the standard fee of up to € 2. If no prohibition of this type is in operation, visitors must be aware that security personnel may conduct bag and body searches and that containers, coats, jackets and capes carried by the visitor will be checked for their contents.

Messe Karlsruhe accepts no liability for valuables, money, keys in bags, rucksacks or coats that are deposited in the cloakroom!

2.6 Access to the premises will not be granted to persons who

- have no valid access authorisation
- are clearly under the strong influence of alcohol or drugs
- have the obvious intention of disrupting the event
- refuse to cooperate with security checks
- are carrying prohibited goods (see: 5.11) or
- have been banned from the premises.

If access has already been granted, violation of the above or other house rules of the place of assembly may result in expulsion from the premises.

In these cases, a refund of entry fees is excluded.

2.7 For security reasons, Messe Karlsruhe may order the closure and evacuation of rooms, buildings, portable structures or open spaces and/or the termination of events.

In this case, the instructions of the security personnel and/or the evacuation assistants must be followed. In this case, a refund of entry fees must be claimed from the organiser within 14 days. The refund is excluded if the claim is submitted after this deadline.

3. General rules of conduct

3.1 Every person must behave in such a way that no other person is harmed, endangered, harassed or obstructed more than is unavoidable under the circumstances.

3.2 The instructions of supervisory and security personnel as well as official emergency services must be followed.

3.3 The facilities on the premises must be treated with care and respect.

3.4 Waste, packaging materials and empty containers must be disposed of in the receptacles provided.

3.5 Escape and rescue routes as well as safety equipment, such as fire alarms, fire extinguishing equipment and smoke detectors, must be kept clear at all times.

3.6 Objects found on the premises must be handed in at the information counter. Injuries to persons or damage to property must be reported immediately.

4. Vehicle traffic

4.1 The driving of vehicles on the premises requires a permit issued for this purpose.

4.2 German road traffic regulations (StVO) apply throughout the premises. Vehicles must not exceed walking speed.

4.3 Marked areas such as fire brigade access areas, escape and rescue routes, and emergency exits must be kept clear at all times without exception.

4.4 Parking is only permitted in the marked areas and is at the owners' risk. Messe Karlsruhe accepts no obligation to guard, monitor, keep safe or provide insurance coverage for vehicles parked on the premises. This also applies if a charge is levied for the use of parking spaces on the premises, if service personnel are present on the premises, and if the premises are monitored by video cameras.

5. Prohibitions

The following are prohibited throughout the premises unless approved by Messe Karlsruhe and the organiser:

- Smoking – incl. e-cigarettes – in all closed rooms
- Leaving luggage standing unattended. In the event of an intentional or grossly negligent violation, Messe Karlsruhe reserves the right to charge the costs for any necessary security measures taken and any consequential damage.
- Begging and harassment of people
- Blocking escape and rescue routes
- Staying on the premises overnight
- Commercial activities
- Distribution of printed and advertising materials, affixing of stickers and posters, and use of advertising media. Exhibitors are subject to a separate regulation.
- Commercial photographic, film, video, sound and television recordings and drawings, in particular of exhibition stands and exhibits
- Driving on the premises with motor vehicles, two-wheelers, inline skates, roller skates, Segways, skateboards, kickboards, scooters, electric scooters and similar means of transport. Special regulations may apply to certain areas within the framework of some events.
- Operation of aircraft (e.g. drones) within the meaning of § 1 LuftVG (German Aviation Act)
- The following items are not permitted:
 - Firearms, cutting, stabbing and thrusting weapons or other objects of any kind which, by their nature, are capable of causing injury to persons or damage to property and are intended for such purpose by their owner
 - Harmful, corrosive, highly flammable, colouring or
 - Radioactive solids, liquids or gaseous substances
 - Gas cylinders, gas spray cans and pressurised containers, with the exception of standard pocket cigarette lighters
 - Items made of fragile or splintering material
 - Fireworks, rockets, Bengal lights, smoke powder, Roman candles and other pyrotechnic articles and explosives
 - Flags, banners, sign poles and propaganda media whose content is racist, xenophobic, radical or directed against the free democratic order
 - Mechanically or electrically operated instruments which emit noise
 - Equipment for the production of photographs, film, video or sound recordings, insofar as they are used for commercial purposes
 - Animals. Guide dogs are permitted where required for medical reasons (a disabled person's identity card would be acceptable proof of this requirement). Special exceptions apply to animal-related events.

6. Right to one's own image

Please note that photographic, film and video recordings are regularly made on Messe Karlsruhe premises for reporting, documentation or advertising purposes, particularly at events. By entering the premises of Messe Karlsruhe, visitors, exhibitors and other persons consent to the production and publication of such photographs and recordings on which they are depicted, unless they express a contrary wish to the photographer.

7. Video surveillance

Messe Karlsruhe premises are subject to video surveillance in compliance with BDSG (Federal Data Protection Act) for the safety of visitors and exhibitors and enforcement of the house rules.

8. Volume at music events

The use of hearing protection is strongly recommended to reduce the risk of damage at music events. At events where high sound pressure levels are to be expected in the auditorium, the organiser must draw attention to the corresponding risks in the entrance area and provide visitors with ear plugs on request.

9. Important telephone numbers

Police: 110

Fire brigade/Ambulance 112

Control centre: 0721 (0)3720 2155