

What does a legal team do?

(Legal Team in German → Ermittlungsausschuss, EA)

You can call the legal team (EA) at any time during the actions. We will take care of arrestees, and will make sure that no one sitting in a police cell is forgotten. No one is left alone. If you have questions afterwards, you can find help at: legalcare_ost@systemli.org (PGP key on the EG website www.ende-gelaende.org).

Calling the legal team:

The legal team will be available by phone 24/7 during the action. At the police station you have the right to make a successful phone call, please use it, to call the legal team.

Please call the legal team if:

- you witness someone being arrested or e.g. if the police acted violently
- you get arrested yourself
- you are free again

This is what you should tell the legal team:

- ✓ Your name (or personal EA number if you decide to remain anonymous)
- ✓ Where are you held in custody?
- ✓ What is the accusation of the police against you?
- ✓ How are you?
- ✓ Do you need any important medication?
- ✓ Are there other people who were taken into custody along with you? (Please only provide names of people who already have identified themselves to the police! We are happy to write down anonymous EA numbers of our fellow prisoners of course.)

Things you should NOT! tell the legal team:

- × What you really did or didn't do
- × Your name, in case you want to stay anonymous vis-à-vis the authorities
- × Which other people were involved, but not arrested

important: Don't testify anything and do not sign anything at the police station! If you see other people being arrested or treated violently by the police or if you are stopped by the police – please call us, then we can at least make sure that no one disappears unnoticed or try to figure out how to handle a police stop best. We speak German and English and will try to organize translators for other languages if needed.

The legal team will establish contact with lawyers and make sure that they get in touch with you if you are facing accelerated procedures and/or the police are trying to detain you for a longer period.

We will also try to organize people who will pick you up and welcome you upon your release from the detention centre/police station. We will make sure that nobody is forgotten! As soon as you are free again, call the legal team to let them know! (Even if you did not call them from the police station, maybe someone else told them about you being arrested.)

Phone Legal Team: 0049 (0)30 340 603 13
(also via Signal messaging app)

What are these personal numbers everyone is talking about?

You can get a personal number (EA Nummer) online here:

<https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/ea-number-ruegen-2023/>

You will be shown personal EA number that you should write down or remember. You can use it in your call with the legal team if you are held in a kettle or if you are taken into custody and want to contact the legal team anonymously.

The aim of the number is, that the legal team can identify you by your personal number when you are calling the legal team and that your affinity group can ask for you without telling your name. So you should not only memorize the phone number of the legal team (and write it down somewhere on your skin), but also your own number and the numbers of the people in your affinity group.

If you are held in a kettle or if you are taken in custody, please call the legal team and tell them your personal number. You can also team up with others and let one person give the personal numbers of all the people around in one call. If your number was given to the legal team (by you or by someone else), **please call the legal team right after you got free** to let them know everything is all right.

What is repression and what is anti-repression work?

Repression happens on different levels: starting with the pressure some relatives might put on you, up to the police and the court taking action against you. It makes sense to deal with possible repression beforehand, no matter what kind of action, whether state or civil law applies, to get to know the laws applying to the specific situation. We see repression as a means to apply political pressure, a means we need to resist together. Repression seeks to isolate and intimidate us, so we want to emphasize:

We act in solidarity! No one is left alone!

First and foremost, we want to offer legal support and not have people facing repression stay in isolation. Dealing with repression is part of the resistance against the status quo and is a load that cannot be carried by a few alone. Over the last years we noticed that often a few individuals are pursued much more severely than others. Only some are affected by repression, but it's all of us they had in mind. In these cases solidarity is the strongest antidote we have.

Where can I get more information?

In the legal aid manual the juridical aspects are described in detail. Before the action, we recommend you to take quite some time with your affinity group to familiarize yourself with the legal aid booklet.

It is very useful to read something about the juridical situation before. Further information on legal matters you can find here: <https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/legal-matters-ruegen-2023>