

Cologne celebrates safely and respectfully

We all want to celebrate New Year's Eve in Cologne safely and peacefully! Have fun when celebrating and be respectful!

A lively cultural programme with music and light installation awaits you at the cathedral. No firecrackers or bangers may be taken into this area.

No means no! Cologne has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to attacks or threats against other people. Speak to a member of the security forces at once.

Firecrackers or bangers must never be fired at other people. This could result in serious injury.

Enjoy alcohol responsibly. Show consideration to other partygoers.

The police, federal police (Bundespolizei) and the public order office (Ordnungsamt) will be present and will intervene quickly and consistently to avert danger. The security forces are your point of contact for all questions.

There are many people travelling in Cologne on New Year's Eve. There will consequently be road closures and detours. Plan extra time for detours when arriving and departing.

The federal police (Bundespolizei) will be on hand to ensure that visitors travel safely to the New Year's Eve party.

Walking on railway and tram tracks is extremely dangerous. Do not put yourself and others at risk!

The police and federal police (Bundespolizei) will stop people more often, especially if they are found to be engaging in threatening behaviour or excessive alcohol consumption.

The police and federal police (Bundespolizei) will endeavour to keep checks as short as possible. Possession of valid identification papers and a little patience will help everyone.

Cologne wishes you a happy new year in 2018!
Celebrate respectfully!

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