



Behavioural guidelines

„Getting along with the neighbours“

Respect rest periods

- ✓ Sundays + public holidays
- ✓ Monday to Saturday:
Midday: 1 pm to 3 pm
Night: 10 pm to 7 am

Keep a distance from children

- ! Don't approach / speak to them
- ! Don't touch them
- ! Don't give them a kiss
- ! Playgrounds are for children and their parents only

Pick up your litter

- ✓ Use bins – even for small things like cigarette butts, nut shells, wrappers etc.
- ✓ Please sort your waste into the correct bin (paper, glass, plastic etc.)

Be polite

- ✓ Be friendly
- ✓ Important words:
„Bitte“ (Please)
„Danke“ (Thank you)
„Guten Tag“ (Hello)
„Auf Wiedersehen“ (Goodbye)
- ✓ „Entschuldigung“ (Sorry“ or „excuse me“)

Show respect for women and girls

- ✓ Best not approach (talk to) women or girls you don't know
- ✓ Keep your distance
- ✓ Don't stare
- ✓ Don't whistle
- ✓ No clumsy compliments
- ✓ „No“ means „No“!

Drink alcohol responsibly

- ! Preferably not before 6 pm
- ! Not in public places
- ! Don't get drunk

Don't urinate in public

- ! It's disgusting!
- ! Penalty: 40 to 200 €

Respect special / religious places

- ✓ E.g. cemeteries, churches, „Kappellchen“
- ✓ No littering
- ✓ Be quiet
- ✓ No alcohol
- ✓ No smoking

Avoid causing fear

- ✓ It is better not to walk around in big groups
- ✓ Show hide / cover your face (e.g. with a hood)
- ✓ Don't hassle / push people

Dear residents of the Hermesgasse gym in Niehl, many cultures, languages, religions, wishes and customs – some people consider these things an enrichment.

But there are also neighbours who are afraid of things they don't know. Unfamiliar behaviours make them nervous or can be misunderstood. That can lead to fear, rejection or even aggression. Especially after the attacks on New Year's Eve in Cologne.

We, the „WiKu Niehl“, are a group of people who want to help you make your start in our neighbourhood easier. To achieve that, we have already organised a lot of events (sports, music, German lessons, outings etc.).

To be able to follow rules you have to know them. Therefore, we have put together some important tips on how to behave. These tips explain what you definitely shouldn't do and how you can gain sympathy.

Please respect and abide by these rules! By doing so, you will also make it easier for us to warm people's hearts for you and your cause.

Thank you!
Your helpers and supporters in Niehl.

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You've got question about these rules? Or about Niehl, Cologne, the people here or everyday life in general? Then please don't hesitate to contact us.