Orange benches

You are currently sitting on one of the orange benches in Bocholt. Each of these benches sends out a message: there is no place for violence against women and girls in our town - and no one has to endure violence alone.

Why this bench is orange

This bench is a lasting symbol against violence against women and girls. It invites you to pause for a moment, reflect and strike up a conversation with one another - about respect, protection and a life free from violence.

Orange is the colour of the United Nations' global campaign against violence against women. It stands for hope and for a future in which women and girls can live in safety. UN Women Germany is expressly calling on people to make a statement with orange benches.

Violence against women often takes place in secret - in the home, at the hands of a partner or ex-partner. The benches are therefore deliberately placed in the heart of public spaces: this issue does not belong behind closed doors.

The Soroptimist International Club Bocholt launched the initiative in 2026, and the town of Bocholt supports it. Three benches were installed in 2026, with more to follow in 2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Stadt Bocholt - Der Bürgermeister
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Straße 52-58, 46395 Bocholt
www.bocholt.de
Instagram: @stadt.bocholt | Facebook: fb.com/stadt.bocholt

Support services for victims of violence

Do you need help?

Immediate danger? Police emergency number **110**

Helpline "Violence against women": 116 016 - available 24 hours a day, free of charge, anonymous. Advice in 18 languages via the website. www.hilfetelefon.de

Helpline for sexual abuse: 0800 22 55 530

Bocholt Women's Shelter: 02871 40194
- visit the Caritas Women's Shelter website

Counselling provided by staff at the women's refuge
Mon 10.00-11.30 and Wed 16.30-18.00, Caritas Family Information Centre, Nordwall 44-46

Anonymous evidence collection:
At St Agnes Hospital in Bocholt, ask for anonymous evidence collection using the code word "ANNA". You can contact the hospital by telephone on 02871 200. Further information is available on the Borken district website.

Frauen für Frauen e. V. offers counselling on sexual violence. You can find the latest information leaflet here.

Counselling in Bocholt: every third Wednesday of the month, 3 pm - 6 pm, 3rd floor CoWorkingSpace, Neutorplatz 1
To book an appointment by telephone, call 02561 3738

This page is not a substitute for professional counselling. In cases of immediate danger, safety comes first.

FURTHER INFORMATION