

## **Help for refugees**

People from other countries seek asylum in Germany for various reasons. Here you can find information about local support structures and services for refugees in Bocholt.

## **Aid for war displaced persons**

The Russian attack on Ukraine has the world worried: people are fleeing out of fear and desperation, mainly women and children. Germany is also a target within the European Union.

### **Many Bocholters want to help.**

The city of Bocholt is constantly compiling up-to-date information for humanitarian aid on the ground and for displaced persons affected by the war in Ukraine.

## Call for donations in kind in January 2025



The city of Verkhniodniprovsk in Ukraine, with which the city of Bocholt has entered into a solidarity partnership, continues to face enormous challenges.

In particular, the **6,500 internally displaced persons** who have fled to the Ukrainian twin city due to the ongoing Russian war of aggression are in **urgent need of support**.

To help these people, the city of Bocholt is organising a collection of donations in kind with the "Helping Hands" group from the parish of St. Josef.

The required relief supplies include in particular

- Mattresses
- bed linen
- pillows
- Duvets
- Warm blankets
- Towels
- Dressing and care material (note: best before date must be given)
- Equipment for doctors and nursing staff, such as surgical clothing, masks, gloves (please note: best before date must be given)
- Hospital beds with mattresses, bed linen, pillows and duvets
- Nappies - for children and incontinent patients
- Hygiene articles, e.g. shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, soaps, etc. (please note: best before date must be given)

- Generators
- Medical aids, e.g. wheelchairs, orthoses, etc.
- Good bicycles
- Refrigerators, washing machines, cookers (only in working order)
- Heat-generating appliances, e.g. hot fans etc.

## Two collection dates

The collection of donations in kind will take place on **Saturday, 4 January**, and the following **Saturday, 11 January**, from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the warehouse at Industriestraße 7 (next to IBENA)** in Bocholt.

The contact person for the donations is Leo Engenhorst, "Helping Hands" of the parish of St Josef. For questions or information, he can be contacted on 0175 4012628.

Donations can also be collected in the city areas of Bocholt, Rhede, Isselburg and Hamminkeln.

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## Information for people from Ukraine - first steps

People from Ukraine who have not yet had any contact with the authorities register with the Foreigners' Registration Office in Bocholt. The foreigners authority registers these people. It gives them a certificate of arrival. This registration certificate contains the address where these people must register. This can be anywhere in Germany.

They can stay in Bocholt if their spouse or children already live here, or if they have a job here. All other people are distributed evenly throughout Germany. Please first make an appointment **online** at

<https://termine.bocholt.de>

Please select the area here:

### **Immigration Office (Ausländerbehörde)**

In step 3, please select "Counselling Ukraine" and enter the number of people. You will then receive a suggested appointment.

The appointment will take place at:

**Department of Public Order  
- Right of Residence -  
Neutorplatz 3 (2nd floor left)  
46395 Bocholt**

At this initial appointment, you will be registered under registration law and can apply for a residence permit. You will also receive further information on where you can receive support in the form of accommodation, subsistence and medical care if required once you have been registered under immigration and registration law.

People from Ukraine live in Yupidu, Werther Straße 3a, Bocholt, until they leave for their new place of residence. There they register with the social services.

Telephone number of the Immigration Office: +49 2871 953-298

Telephone number of the asylum services division: +49 2871 953-787

**Homeless people from Ukraine will first be provided with accommodation before their residence permit is processed. In these cases, please first contact the Social Services Department, Berliner Platz 2, 46395 Bocholt (Mrs Papenkort, Tel. +49 2871-953 or +49 2871-787).**

## Interesting links

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### Form for the notification of living space

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### Information for citizens on planned refugee accommodation in Biemenhorst (as at 2/2023)

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Triggered by the Russia-Ukraine conflict at the beginning of last year, but also by other crises around the world, **more and more people are currently coming to Germany**, and therefore also to Bocholt, seeking protection and shelter from war and persecution.

In 2022, in addition to the existing accommodation facilities in Bocholt, a residential complex was built and put into operation on the site of the former SC 26 Bocholt stadium. Since the beginning of 2023, the gymnasium at Overbergschule has also been used for initial accommodation.

In view of the ongoing tense situation, the city of Bocholt will **expand its capacities for refugee accommodation**. In addition to the conversion of gymnasiums, vacant public spaces are being examined as a priority.

Due to the **special regulations** for refugee accommodation in accordance with the provisions of Section 246 of the German Building Code, it is possible to use areas in outdoor areas under building planning law to accommodate refugees due to the emergency situation. A **public area in the area "Auf dem Takenkamp"** has come **into focus**.

Due to the acute emergency situation, the city of Bocholt intends to set up a site here - for a **limited period of time** - to provide accommodation for refugees.

The city of Bocholt provided information on this at two public meetings on 28 February and 2 March 2023 in the community centre and distributed initial information letters to Biemenhorst residents beforehand (see download for information).

"Questions and concerns, ideas and suggestions can be expressed openly", say Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff and First City Councillor Thomas Waschki.

## Criticism & suggestions?



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### Information for refugees

People who have entered from Ukraine and arrived in Bocholt are asked to contact the Bocholt city administration:

## Contact

Mornings: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 8 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Tue closed

Afternoons: Mon and Thu 2 - 5 p.m.

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## Private housing offers

Do you have free living space or rooms? Get in touch and help people in need - thank you!

Phone +49 2871 21765-293

E-mail: [yrathai\(at\)ewibo\(dot\)de](mailto:yrathai(at)ewibo(dot)de)

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