

# INFORMATION



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## Code of Conduct for Host Families in order to Prevent Sexualised Violence in the International Individual Student Exchange

The Bavarian Youth Council (Bayerischer Jugendring or BJR) commissioned by the Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs is an internationally recognized exchange organisation and promotes intercultural encounters between people from a wide range of backgrounds.

The BJR considers it its responsibility and duty to ensure the best possible safety and protection of all its programme participants. The BJR is thus committed to protecting the young people entrusted to its care from physical and psychological harm. A clear position on youth protection, openness, transparency and sensitivity characterise the BJR's approach to the issue.

The BJR is committed to creating the best possible framework conditions to protect participants in the programmes, host families and (volunteer) staff during their stay abroad. The Code of Conduct below is an important pillar to promote this.

### Code of Conduct

We, as host family of the Individual Student Exchange, affirm

- to respect and to protect the personal boundaries of the young person entrusted to the best of their knowledge and belief. The young person and the host family have the right to openly communicate their own boundaries at any time and in any place, whether verbally, i.e. through words and intonation, or non-verbally, i.e. through body signals.
- that we strive to consciously perceive and prevent violations of boundaries within the family or in the host child's environment and to openly discuss them with the persons concerned. In the event of specific incidents and critical behaviour within or around the family or the host child, we contact the local coordinators, Lize Kapp and/or Kirsten Buchhorn.



- that none of the persons living in our household has ever committed a criminal offence in connection with sexualised violence or has been excluded from a youth organisation or institution due to physical, psychological/emotional and sexual assaults. If we are or become aware of any such incidents or suspicions concerning our immediate environment, we will inform the local coordinators.

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**First name/last name of the participant and (if already 16 years old) with signature**

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**Date and signature(s) of all guardians/parents**

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**Date and signature(s) of all host siblings aged 16 and over**

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**Date and name(s) and signature(s) of other persons living in the household**