

Tips For A Fun & Safe Oktoberfest

1. Munich may be one of the safest cities in the world, but where there are crowds, there are pickpockets. Keep a close eye on your belongings.
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4. Make sure you know how to get home. Public transportation runs all night, but it will be no help to you if you don't know where to get off!
5. There is only one police station, and it doesn't look anything like the rest of the tents. If you can see the Bavaria statue, it sits in front of her, to her left.
6. On the light poles with security cameras, you will find emergency phones. If you pick one up, there will be an officer on the other end.
7. German beer is strong! And especially strong when you drink it by the liter. One traditional liter Beer Stein holds the same alcohol content as a six pack of American beer.
8. It is illegal to steal mugs from Oktoberfest, and there is a large fine for doing so. It is much cheaper to buy a souvenir beer mug at one of the stands!
9. At Oktoberfest, you are allowed to stand on the benches. However, dancing on tables is not allowed.
10. Do not smoke inside the tents. If you would like to smoke, each tent usually has an outside smoking area.
11. Do not bring glass bottles to the Theresienwiese. They are not allowed for safety and security reasons.
12. We encourage you NOT to sleep in the park outside the Oktoberfest grounds. Thieves and pickpockets are always on the lookout for vulnerable "Bierleichen" (beer corpses).
13. The police may ask to see your ID at any time. Make sure to always have a copy of your passport at all times.
14. There are also police officers dressed in plain clothes, who drive unmarked cars. If you have doubts, you can always ask to see their ID cards, which are usually green and laminated.
15. When talking to the police, you can always request an English speaking police officer.
16. Fighting is a criminal offense for which you can be arrested. Hitting someone with a beer mug may be treated as assault with a deadly weapon.
17. Bicycling while intoxicated can lead to a fine over 1000 Euros!