

## **Use of loudspeakers, megaphones, amplifiers and tape recorders for guided touristic tours in public places**

If technical equipment is used for guided touristic tours in public places, uninvolved bystanders must not be disturbed more than is unavoidable under the given circumstances. This can only be the case if the noise level generated by the respective equipment is not higher than 60 dBA.

For this reason, it is forbidden to use electro-acoustic equipment (loudspeakers, megaphones, amplifiers and tape recorders), as it must be assumed that the noise level generated will be higher than 60 dBA.

Please note that security personnel and/or police will forbid the use of the abovementioned equipment, which can also be seen as a possible violation of § 117 of the Ordnungswidrigkeitengesetz and lead to a fine.

In extreme cases and repeated offences, the equipment can be confiscated (§§ 40 and following of the HSOG, Hessisches Gesetz über die öffentliche Sicherheit und Ordnung) and the persons involved can be ordered to leave the premises (Platzverweis). Said orders can be executed by force (§ 31 HSOG).

If it becomes necessary to take such measures, it will of course have a negative influence on the respective tours, no matter how interesting they may be. Security personnel and/or police are as interested in the success of tours as the participants because our city is presented in a positive way, especially if they do not have to intervene at all.