CHILDREN

Filming with minors

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Youth Employment Protection Act (JArbSchG), child labor is prohibited in principle within the Federal Republic of Germany. However, statutory exemptions are provided for artistic participation in events and media productions (including voice acting, photography, film, and television productions).

Responsibility

Applications for an exemption permit must be submitted (typically by the production company) to the competent Industrial Inspection Office (*Gewerbeaufsichtsamt*) governing the head office of the production company.
Bavarian Example: For production companies headquartered in Upper Bavaria, the Industrial Inspection Office of the Government of Upper Bavaria (*Gewerbeaufsichtsamt der Regierung von Oberbayern*) holds regulatory jurisdiction.

Concerns

Children under the age of 15
Minors still subject to full-time compulsory schooling (currently 9 academic years in Bavaria)

Working hours

Children **aged 3 to 6 years**:
- **Participation** up to **2 hours per day**, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- **Maximum time on set** (presence time) up to **4 hours** per day

Children **over 6 years**:
- **Participation** up to **3 hours per day**, between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM
- **Maximum time on set** (presence time) up to **5 hours** per day

Request Form

Required Documents:

- Application form *(official form provided by the competent Industrial Inspection Office)*
- Written consent from both legal guardians
- Medical certificate *(certificate of non-objection)*
- School declaration of non-objection *(from the school or school authority)*
- Official statement from the responsible Youth Welfare Office (*Jugendamt*)

Here you can find the necessary forms:
Kinder- und Jugendarbeitsschutz; Beantragung einer Ausnahme vom Beschäftigungsverbot

Details

- Information from the city of Munich:
  https://stadt.muenchen.de/service/info/jugendschutz/1074012/
- Information and a leaflet from the Government of Upper Bavaria:
  https://www.regierung.oberbayern.bayern.de/aufgaben/1839/229862/leistung/leistung_26742/index.html

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