

## Municipal Government Departments and Services

All Municipal Government departments can be contacted at the following postal address:

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Central e-Mail address: [info@bochum.de](mailto:info@bochum.de)

Some of the important departments and services are listed below.

- **Amt für Angelegenheiten des Rates und der Oberbürgermeisterin**  
**Office of Council Affairs and the Lord Major**

This department deals with matters relating to the City Council and the Lord Mayor. It is also responsible for liaison with [twin towns](#) and for "Bochum-Agenda 21" in which the people of Bochum are entitled to participate.

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E-Mail: [amt01@bochum.de](mailto:amt01@bochum.de)

- **Presse- und Informationsamt**  
**Press and Information Office**

Apart from maintaining contact with journalists, liaising with the media and preparing press conferences, the Press and Information Office is responsible for shaping and coordinating the City of Bochum's public image. The Office's internet team designs, coordinates, and edits the City of Bochum's web site.

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- **Ordnungsamt**  
**Office of Environmental Health and Safety**

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety provides a wide range of services, e.g., bomb disposal, matters relating to the keeping of dangerous animals, hunting and fishing, and food hygiene. In the commercial sector, the Office is responsible for the inspection of restaurants and public houses. The Citizens' Bureaus (Bürgerbüros) which are located around the town and for which this Office is responsible provide a passport, identity card, and registration service.

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- **Ausländerbüro**  
**Foreign Citizens' Office**

The Foreign Citizens' Office is responsible for all matters relating to immigration, nationality and naturalisation.

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- **Bochumer Symphoniker**

- **[Bochum Symphony Orchestra](#)**

- The Bochum Symphony Orchestra, under its current musical director Steven Sloane, is the only German orchestra to have received the accolade "Best concert programme" for the 1996/97 season by the German Association of Music Publishers. The symphony concerts, which are hugely popular, are devised around special themes.

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- E-Mail: [amt41BS@bochum.de](mailto:amt41BS@bochum.de)

- **Schauspielhaus Bochum**

- **[Bochum Civic Theatre](#)**

- From its foundation in 1919, Bochum Civic Theatre has been one of the best known theatres in Germany. Matthias Hartmann, director since the 2000/2001 season, handed over to Elmar Goerden in summer 2005. Performances are also staged in the studio theatre (Kammerspiele) and TuT (basement theatre).

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- **Sozialamt**

- **Social Welfare Office**

- The services provided by the Social Welfare Office include not only assistance with living expenses, support in special circumstances, and assistance for asylum seekers and refugees. It also deals with applications for housing allowances and with insurance matters. The Office also has a welfare centre for disabled persons and for war victims.

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- E-Mail: [amt50@bochum.de](mailto:amt50@bochum.de)

- **Amt für Wirtschafts- und Beschäftigungsförderung**

- **Office for Economic Development**

- The Office for Economic Development provides advice and support on issues relating to business location, funding, and financing. It also offers consulting services on company start-ups and operation.

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