

We are Here to Help!

Our support is independent, impartial and neutral. You can trust us to treat your personal data and any information about the people you are looking for with the utmost confidentiality. We do not charge for our services. Appointments by prior appointment only.

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Trace. Connect. Reunite. Tracing Service in the BRC



Visit www.brk.de for more information



Bavarian Red Cross Tracing Service

Not knowing what has happened to a loved one can be very difficult. The Bavarian Red Cross is here for you. As a part of the global Red Cross- and Red Crescent Societies, we help trace missing family members separated by current crises or the Second World War. We also advise people in need of protection on family reunification – free of charge, confidential and compassionate.

Overview of Our Core Services

1. International Tracing

- **Global Search:** Have you lost contact with your family due to displacement, political unrest, or natural disasters? We can help you trace your family members worldwide.
- **Photo Search (Trace the Face):** We can upload photos on www.tracetheface.org to help your relatives recognize and find you more easily.
- **Red Cross Family Messages:** If phone or internet networks fail, we can help you send letters to maintain contact with your family.

2. Ethnic German Resettler Counseling (Spätaussiedler/innen)

- **Search & Proof:** We support ethnic German resettlers and their relatives in clarifying family fates.
- **Process Assistance:** We advise you on questions regarding admission under the Federal Expellees Act (BVFG), as well as on residence and nationality matters.

3. Clarification of Whereabouts (Second World War)

- **Tracing People missing since the Second World War:** Are you looking for a relative who went missing during or as a result of the World War II? Our archive contains more than 50 million of digitized index cards documenting inquiries related to the Second World War
- **New Information:** Even more than 80 years after the end of the World War II, newly accessible records from international archives can provide families with long-awaited answers.

4. Family reunification Counseling

- **Support for Family Joiners:** Have you been granted protection status in Germany and would like your immediate family to join you? We advise on the requirements for family reunification.
- **Practical Support:** We explain the relevant steps and forms and help you prepare your visa application for the embassy

Our principles

Neutral & Compassionate: It does not matter where you come from or what you believe in. Everyone has the right to know where their family is.

Free of Charge: All of our tracing services and assistance are completely free of charge.

Confidential: Your privacy is important to us. We will protect your personal data and will never share it without your explicit consent.

Humanity connects

A service provided by the Tracing Service of the BRC.