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## IMMIGRATION

### *HOW TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE*



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## BORDER GUARD – STRAŻ GRANICZNA

LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTION, UNIFORMED, ARMED

- PATROLS GREEN BORDER
- CHECKS BORDER TRAFFIC
- COMBATS ILLEGAL MIGRATION
  - checks the legality of foreigners' stay

According to the Foreigners Act, Border Guards are authorised to check the legality of foreigners' stay. Border Guards can perform controls only in places open to the public. You can meet Border Guard officers in train stations, on highways - conducting random checks in international trains and buses. In the dormitory or other University property Border Guard can act only on the request or after approval of the University Administration (*Authentica habita*).



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Are you EU citizen or a citizen of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or Switzerland ?

YES



- Remember to carry your passport or ID when moving
- Register your stay in Poland
- Skip the presentation and enjoy your stay in Poland!

NO



- Watch carefully following slides



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## Checking the legality of foreigners' stay

When requested by a Border Guard officer, a foreigner is obliged to show all the documents confirming that his stay in Poland is legal e.g. passport, visa, temporary stay permit, work permit and so on. Not providing these documents at request is qualified an offence that is penalized with a fine up to 500 PLN.

If a foreigner does not possess any document authorizing him to stay on the Polish territory or crosses the border without these documents, it is also an offence subject to a fine up to 500 PLN.



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## Checking the legality of foreigners' stay

Border Guard records 2 the most common breaches of the immigration law by foreigner students:

1. The foreigner overstays his visa/non visa traffic (and in a result the foreigner is late with his application for a temporary stay permit).
2. The foreigner crosses the border against the law.



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## CROSSING THE BORDER

You cannot cross the border and travel to other European (Schengen countries) if you do not have passport and valid visa or valid temporary stay card. When you are waiting for temporary stay card to be issued and your visa is no longer valid or your non-visa traffic period has ended and all you have is only a stamp in your passport proving that your application was within deadline you must not leave Poland.



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## OBLIGATION TO RETURN (EXPULSION)

When controlling legality of stay, Border Guards check if there are reasons for expulsion of a foreigner from the territory of the Republic of Poland. The most common reasons for expulsion are - among others - illegal stay, illegal employment or crossing the border against the law. If there are reasons for expulsion, Border Guards can detain a foreigner for no longer than 48 hours but it is not obligatory and it depends on the circumstances.

In each of the aforementioned cases expulsion proceedings are initiated. It is an administrative proceeding which shall be closed with issuing a decision obliging a foreigner to leave Poland within 15-30 days. What is important: the result is a ban to enter Poland and Schengen states. The ban can be from 6 months up to 5 years, depending mostly on how severe the breach of the law was



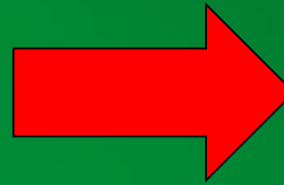
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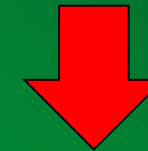
### MAIN REASONS:

1. ILLEGAL STAY
2. ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT
3. CROSSING THE BORDER AGAINST THE LAW



DECISION ON OBLIGATION TO RETURN

- 15 TO 30 DAYS TO LEAVE POLAND



### REENTRY BAN:

FROM 6 MONTHS UP TO 5 YEARS  
to POLAND and SCHENGEN AREA



HOW TO GRADUATE?



**DETENTION !**  
Max 48 hours



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### *SUMMING UP:*

- 1. Always carry your residence card or passport with visa on you.**
- 2. Don't be late with your residence permit application.**
- 3. Don't cross the border without passport and valid visa or temporary stay card.**



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***THANK YOU !***

***ENJOY YOUR STAY IN POLAND!***



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