

German Penal Code (General criminal law), Chapter 17, Section 223

Chapter Seventeen Crimes Against Bodily Integrity, Section 223 Bodily Injury (1) Whoever physically maltreats or harms the health of another person, shall be punished with imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine. (2) An attempt shall be punishable.

Criminal Law

Applicability of the principle of extraterritoriality

Yes; Conditions: German Penal Code Section / Applicability to Acts Abroad in Other Cases (1) German criminal law shall apply to acts, which were committed abroad against a German, if the act is punishable at the place of its commission or the place of its commission is subject to no criminal law enforcement. (2) German criminal law shall apply to other acts, which were committed abroad if the act is punishable at the place of its commission or the place of its commission is subject to no criminal law enforcement and if the perpetrator: 1. was a German at the time of the act or became one after the act; or 2. was a foreigner at the time of the act, was found to be in Germany and, although the Extradition Act would permit extradition for such an act, is not extradited, because a request for extradition is not made, is rejected, or the extradition is not practicable.

Number of court cases

Availability of information collecting system or reports

Not specified, but police and public organisations defending the rights of minors collect this information

Source

Terre des Femmes (2007): Study on Female Genital Mutilation,
http://www.humanrights.ch/upload/pdf/070411_TdF_EU-StudieFGM.pdf; German Penal Code:
<http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stgb/>; German German Penal Code in English:
<http://www.iuscomp.org/gla/statutes/StGB.htm#7>

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