What do I need to do when I'm pregnant?

- During prenancy you have the right of care from a doctor and a midwife. You will be given a booklet (Mutterpass), which is a record of the prenatal and natal treatment you receive whilst pregnant. You must carry your "Mutterpass" with you at all times! Your social worker will give you the means to buy maternity clothing.
- Your social worker will give you the necessary voucher for your medical treatment. You have to take this with you when you have an appointment with a gynecologist (Frauenarzt/ärztin).
- In the 30th week of your pregnancy, you must register with the hospital in which you wish to have your baby.
- Your social worker will provide you with the means to purchase a pram and clothing for your new-born baby.
- Remember to have a bag already packed for your hospital stay. You will need:
- nightwear, underwear, slippers, towels and toiletries. If you are taking a particular medication, this should be included too.
- Speak to your social worker well before your due date about arranging for a taxi to take you to the hospital!
- When you start to have contractions you should go to the hospital you have registered at. Remember to take your ready-packed bag!
- Should any of your visitors have an infectious disease (i.e. MSRA), they must always were protective clothing when in the hospital or on the ward!!!!
- Your baby will be examined by a doctor in the hospital. This is called U1 and the results will be recorded in a special booklet called an "Untersuchungsheft" (record of examinations). If you have had your

baby where you are living, rather than in a hospital, the U1 examination must be carried out by a pediatrician (Kinderarzt).

The booklet is a record of all the examinations your child will receive: U1 - U9. In the 4th week of your baby's life, you should take him/her to a pediatrician (Kinderarzt) for the U2 examination, and for all future examinations.

- You must register the birth both at the Town Hall (Standesamt) and at the Main-Taunus-Kreis Foreigners' Department (Ausländerbehörde).
 Refer to the brochure about registering a birth (Anzeige der Geburt).
 Confirmation of paternity can be certified at the Main-Taunus-Kreis Youth Welfare Service (Jugendamt). Any documentation you, the parents, have from your country of origin must be brought with you!!
- You should make an appointment at a gynecologist (Frauenarzt/ärztin) to be examined 6 weeks after the birth.





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