

Wo ist die Toilette?
LOOKING FOR A LOO

THE WC (die Toilette)


“Restrooms“

TWO VITAL WORDS

frei (vacant) besetzt (engaged)

How to recognise a loo

Other than WC or Toilette(n) you'll find
Abort

You'll also come across the symbol OO for a loo and in Southern Germany, in particular, you may see this  on a loo door in rural areas.

Women look for:
Damen, D, or Frauen



Men look for:
Herren, H, or Männer



Loos on motorways

Some lay-bys have WCs. Where there isn't one you're told how far away the next one is.

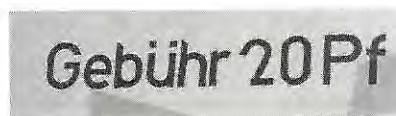


nächste nearest
Rastanlage service area
Pforzheim-Ost name of place
Sie finden you will find

You'll always find them in service areas.

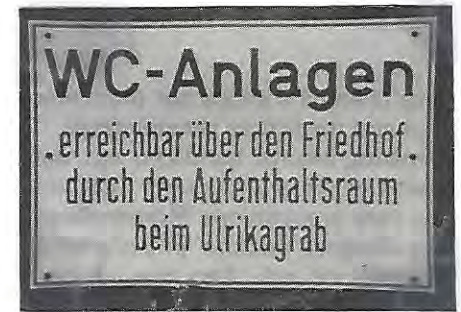


Rasthaus motorway restaurant
Tankstellen petrol stations

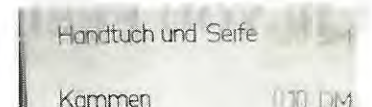


What it costs

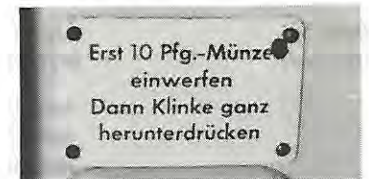
Women often have to pay, even in theatres, department stores etc. The usual charge (**Gebühr**) is 20 pfennigs.



Take heart – there are few signs as diabolical as this one!



Handtuch towel **Seife** soap



First insert 10-pfennig coin(s).
 Then press handle right down.

Washing your hands (**Hände waschen**) – and even combing your hair (**kammen**) – can cost extra.

When there is an attendant you may see a door marked **Wartefrau** (even in the gents) or its masculine equivalent **Wärter** (in the gents only). Often you have to cope with a coin-operated door lock and put in 10-pfennig coins.

Careful! If you've not inserted the coins before you go in you may not be able to get out until you've put in the correct money from inside.