

- **Opening and closing hours of shops**

Businesses in Germany must strictly observe the regulations of the Shop Closing Hours Act. In general shops have to close at 20:00 at the latest. The opening and closing hours are different at different places.

Monday to Friday: Shops open between 6:00 (that early normally only bakeries, newspaper shops) and 10:00 and close at 20:00. In the country or in more remote parts of town, shops will already close at 18:00 or 18:30. Shops in small towns can be expected to close at lunch time, from around 12:30 to 14:30.

Saturdays: Smaller shops may already close between 13:00 and 14:00. As far as the supermarkets in and near Eindhoven are concerned (Kaiser's, Plus, Norma, Lidl, Aldi, Extra): they are open from 08:00 until 20:00 (Kaiser's until 21:00) from Monday to Saturday.

- **Opening and closing hours of pharmacies**

Smaller pharmacies in general open between 8:00 and 8:30 in the morning, close at 13:00 and re-open at 14:30 until 18:30. On *Wednesdays* they close at 13:00, and on *Saturdays* they are open from 8:30 or 9:00 until 13:00.

The Bahnhof-Apotheke (Poststrasse 21) in the city centre not far from the main railway station does not close on Wednesday afternoons and has longer opening hours:

Monday to Friday	8:00 – 19:30 (20:00 on Thursdays)
Saturday	9:00 – 18:00

But there is always a pharmacy on duty around the clock. A list of these pharmacies can be found at the entrance door of every pharmacy. Or else you check one of the following homepages to find out which pharmacy in your neighbourhood is on duty on Wednesday afternoon and during the weekend.

<http://www.apotheker-nordrhein.de/apotheke/notdienst/index.htm>

<http://www.apotheke.com/portal/de/pharmacyfinder/emergency/index.jsp>