

Blutspenden♥

Information for Companies



Blutspendezentrum SRK beider Basel

Supplying the Basel region with blood

The Blutspendezentrum SRK beider Basel (BSZ) is a regional blood donation organisation established as a charitable foundation of the SRC of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Land. It is responsible for supplying the health-care facilities in the Basel region with blood products and related services.

Even though the nationwide blood supply in Switzerland is secured, there are big regional differences: in the Basel region, donated blood covers only 54 % of the needs of the region's hospitals. The other 46 % have to be bought in from other regions of Switzerland.

The BSZ employs 94 staff. A blood donation centre is located in Basel-Stadt and donation sessions also take place in Liestal using the blood donation bus. In addition to this, the BSZ mobile team organises some 100 external blood donation sessions annually in companies, schools and communities, the latter with the help of Samaritan associations and volunteers. Other locations are served by the blood donation bus.

The donated blood is screened in our own lab for pathogens (HIV, hepatitis B, C and E as well as syphilis). In the production department, it is then processed into red blood cell concentrates, platelet concentrates, and blood plasma, and then stored prior to delivery to the hospitals.

To reach their goal of greater self-sufficiency with regard to blood products in the Basel region, the BSZ is in urgent need of regular donors and new donors.

The BSZ offers tailored solutions to make it really easy for your company to organise a blood donation campaign. There is a choice between the blood donation bus, the mobile team at your premises and the blood donation centre.

Donating blood as a team event. Doing good together strengthens cohesion in your team and your company.

Donating blood is safe and easy.

The most common type of donation is whole blood donation

Approximately 450 ml of blood is taken from the donor during a whole blood donation session. The donation process takes about 45 minutes the first time.

What do I need to consider before giving blood?

You shouldn't donate blood on an empty stomach. So before giving blood, it is important to eat a light snack and have enough to drink.

What does donating blood involve?

After registering, you fill out a questionnaire that is then briefly discussed with a medical specialist. This is followed by a brief medical screening to determine the haemoglobin content (the red blood pigment) and check your blood pressure. If the values are within the prescribed limits, you proceed to the donation. It takes about 10 minutes for 450 ml of blood to be taken from a vein in your arm, while you relax in the reclining chair. A medical professional is always present to take care of you and answer any questions you may have. After giving blood, stay lying down for a little longer to allow your body to recover. Finally, you will be offered a fortifying snack and a drink.

What happens after giving blood?

After you have donated blood, it is important to drink plenty and avoid overexertion. The lost fluid is replaced within 24 hours. Your state of health is checked every time you give blood. The blood is tested for hepatitis B, C, and E, HIV, and syphilis. Your blood group and rhesus factor are also determined. If the test results are relevant to their health, donors are informed personally within two weeks. The employees of the BSZ are obligated to maintain confidentiality: no information will be provided to any third party without the donor's consent.

The most important criteria for blood donation

In order to give blood, you should meet the following criteria (we will advise on details, please ask)

- Have a good state of health.
- Be aged between 18 and 60 years (regular donors up to max. 75 years).
- Have a bodyweight of at least 50 kg.

Additionally, the following factors will/may exclude you from giving blood:

- Dental treatments (including a hygiene visit) in the last 72 hours.
- You have had major surgery or given birth in the last 12 months.
- Adverse risk behavior (drug use, or frequently changing sexual partners).
- Treatment with certain medications (we will advise and check).
- Recent visits to countries known for specific infectious diseases.
- New tattoos or piercings in the last four months.
- You spent more than 6 months visiting the UK between 1980 and 1996.
- You have received a blood transfusion since 1980.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any of the above issues with us.

Rewards for giving blood

Blood donations in Switzerland are voluntary and unpaid. Each time donors give blood, they are rewarded at the BSZ with points which can be used to claim gifts. Further information on blood donation, donor criteria and the BSZ can be found here:

[blutspende-basel.ch](https://www.blutspende-basel.ch)

Safe and fast: the blood donation

Safe in seven steps

Giving blood is entirely safe. The truthful completion of the questionnaire combined with the blood count ensures that the donation presents no health risk.

Give blood then enjoy a snack

The actual donation process takes 5–10 minutes, or 30–45 minutes including refreshments.

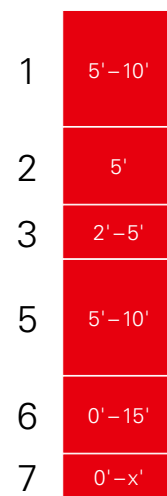
-  Questionnaire
-  Blood test
-  Registration
-  Interview
-  Give blood
-  Rest
-  Refreshments

First-time donors:



50 min.

Regular donors:



20 mins.

Blood donation campaigns at the Centre

Hold your blood donation campaign at the Blutspendezentrum SRK beider Basel at Hebelstrasse 10 in Basel. At the BSZ Centre, you give blood in a beautiful, historical building. A flexible appointment schedule is possible during normal opening hours, with refreshments provided directly in the BSZ donor cafeteria.

- From 10 to 30 employees in one day
- Blood donation campaigns use a registration system
- The campaign can take place on a single day or spread over several weeks
- Refreshments are offered at the Centre

In Basel:

Hebelstrasse 10, 4056 Basel

Mon / Tue / Wed 10 am – 2 pm

4 pm – 7 pm

Thu / Fri 7.30 am – 2 pm

Every 2nd and 4th 9 am – 2 pm

Saturday of the month



Blood donation campaign at your premises

A blood donation campaign at your own premises is possible for min. 50 donors. We have found that around 5–10 % of a workforce will be willing to give blood.

For a mobile blood donation campaign where more than 50 people are expected to give blood, certain requirements must be met:

- Access to the collection location for the two BSZ vehicles must be guaranteed.
- Parking spaces for two vehicles (Mercedes Sprinter, Mercedes Vito) must be provided. A domestic power socket must be available near the vehicle to allow us to plug in our extension cable.
- The room where the blood is collected should not be carpeted. Otherwise part of the floor must be covered with plastic sheeting.
- Good lighting, power sockets and running water must be available. Sanitary facilities should be nearby.
- Snacks and drinks are provided by you or, on request, by the BSZ.
- We would be grateful for active assistance in taking donor blood pressure, at the couches, dispensing the bag systems and serving donor refreshments, though this is not compulsory.
- Enough tables and chairs are needed for the various stations.
- Blood donation couches are provided by the BSZ.
- Blood donation campaigns use a registration system.



Blood donation campaign in the blood donation bus

The blood donation bus can be used where about 30–60 donors are expected. We have found that around 5–10 % of a workforce will be willing to give blood.

In order to carry out the blood donation campaign on your premises, the following must be provided:

- Area on which a tent of 3.5 × 4m can be pitched
- It should have a maximum gradient of 2 %
- Access for the bus must be guaranteed.
Bus dimensions: 12 × 2.55 × 4m
- The load-bearing capacity of the ground must be guaranteed. Weight: 18t
- A power supply is needed to ensure a smooth blood donation campaign CEE 32 (400 Volt / 32 A)
- Nearby access to sanitary facilities
- Snacks and drinks are provided by you or, on request, by the BSZ
- Blood donation campaigns use a registration system



Manufacturer:	Kiitokori Oy, Finland
Chassis:	Scania K410 IB 4×2
Length:	12,00 m
Width:	02,55 m
Height:	04,00 m
Weight:	18 t
Axles:	2
Hydraulic supports:	4
Doors:	2 – The rear door is used as an entrance and has steps with a handrail.
Power supply:	CEE 32 (400 Volt / 32 A)
Capacity:	Approx. 10 blood donors per hour
Duration:	3–6 hours

Expanding side wall extendible by 80cm over a length of 5m.

Opening hours and contact persons

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Mon / Tue / Wed	10 am – 2 pm 4 pm – 7 pm
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In the local communities:

The details of blood donation campaigns are published at blutspende-basel.ch

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