

# Prison and Probation Centre for Eastern Finland

## Prison rules for Juuka Prison

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## **1 § General**

These prison rules contain more specific regulations than the Imprisonment Act and the provisions and regulations issued under the Act on the movement within the prison area and locking of the premises, wards, arrangements related to visits, telephone use and free time activities, possession of property, and other corresponding individual issues related to the maintenance of prison order and arrangement of activities in the prison.

Prisoners have to comply with the prison rules. A prisoner may be imposed a disciplinary punishment for violating the prison rules provided that the prison rules expressly state that the violation of the rule may be punishable by a disciplinary punishment.

A prisoner may also be imposed a disciplinary punishment if the prisoner fails to obey a request or order issued by an official of the Prison and Probation Service within the official's authority to maintain prison order and security.

## **2 § Moving within the prison area**

Prisoners may move and spend time in their appointed activity and workplace, in their own accommodation ward, and in areas appointed for outdoor exercise, meals, and free-time activities at times stated in the daily schedule of the ward and the attached map.

Moving elsewhere in the prison or its area without a permission is forbidden. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

## **3 § Clothing in the prison area**

Prisoners must be properly dressed within the prison area.

The prison may designate separate areas where different dress codes apply (e.g. sunbathing).

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

## **4 § Checking the number of prisoners**

The number of prisoners is checked daily. If necessary, the number of prisoners can be checked at any time of the day. The number of prisoners is checked in the round-the-clock control room in the morning, in the dining room during lunch and dinner where attendance is compulsory, and in the accommodation ward when it is being closed in the evening.

During weekends and public holidays, the number of prisoners is checked in the round-the-clock control room or in the dining room according to the daily schedule.

In the accommodation ward, each prisoner has to stand up facing the staff during the checking of the number of prisoners. Exceptions to this may only be made if the prisoner's state of health prevents the prisoner from standing up.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

If a prisoner is not present in the specified place without an acceptable reason when the number of prisoners is checked, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed on the prisoner.

## **5 § Work and free time activities**

Prisoners have to comply with the daily schedule of the prison. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for acting against this rule.

Work activities include textile work, cleaning, and maintenance of the outdoor areas. In addition, the prison arranges education and programmes. Exact times of the activities are in the daily schedule of the ward and the instructions for the activities.

The prisoners can visit the municipal library of Juuka every other Thursday. More precise times are in the information leaflet for prisoners and the daily schedule of the ward.

Prisoners can be granted separate permission to visit the library on their own every week.

## **6 § Procuring goods**

Prisoners have an opportunity to purchase foodstuffs and other goods twice a week (Imprisonment Act, chapter 9, section 4). The shopping days are Monday evenings and Fridays. More precise times are in the daily schedule of the ward.

## **7 § Visits**

### **7.1 § Supervised visits**

Supervised visits are arranged in the prison dining room on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, excluding Christmas Eve and Midsummer Eve. The visits are arranged between 15.00 and 17.00. For a justified reason, visits can be arranged at other times.

The visit can last at most two (2) hours. The instructions provided by the prison must be followed during the visit.

Prisoners have to reserve a visiting time beforehand in the round-the-clock control room and notify the names of the visitors. The reservations have to be made by 12.00 on Friday and by 12.00 on the day before a public holiday. The prisoner is obligated to inform the visitors of the visiting time the prisoner has been appointed.

Smoking together with the visitor(s) is allowed in the designated outdoor smoking area after the visit.

If a prisoner violates the terms of a visit laid down in the prison rules, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed on the prisoner.

### **7.2 § Unsupervised visits**

There is a separate form for applying for unsupervised visits and each visit has to be applied individually. The unsupervised visits are arranged in a separate terraced house.

The unsupervised visits are arranged as follows:

- on Wednesdays at 14.00–19.00
- 2-day visit from 17.30 on Friday to 17.30 on Sunday.

Each unsupervised visit must be applied for separately. The next unsupervised visit can only be applied for after the previous unsupervised visit has been carried through successfully.

### **7.3 § Communication via video connection**

Prisoners may be given permission to communicate with their close relatives or other close persons via video connection or other suitable technical means of communication, where the participants have an audio and visual connection with each other, twice a week or according to their needs. Prisoners can apply for video communication by filling in a separate form.

Video communication can last up to 30 minutes. Video communication is arranged in the prison dining room on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays or at other separately agreed times after activity hours.

The prison staff is in charge of monitoring, opening and closing communication via video or other devices.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for violating these rules.

### **7.4 § Receiving goods during visits**

Prisoners are not allowed to receive or give goods during visits. Possible goods meant for the visitor or the prisoner must be given via the prison staff.

In connection with visits, prisoners may receive a minor amount (about one plastic shopping bag) of ordinary goods intended for their personal use. The goods must be handed over to the staff for inspection after which they will be given to the prisoner. Goods which prisoners cannot have in their possession are returned to the visitor after the visit.

Clothes brought to prisoners are not necessarily included in the amount mentioned above if the prisoners have discussed changing clothes to new ones in advance with the staff.

When assessing the quality and quantity of the property to be received, the provisions on the possession of property, the limitations of the storage facilities in the prison, and the fire load caused by the goods are taken into consideration.

## **8 § Use of telephone**

The prison gives prisoners a mobile phone, which they can use while in prison. The conditions for its use are specified in the agreement on the use of a mobile phone. Prisoners have to acquire their own SIM card for the mobile phone.

The phone provided by the prison may not be taken outside the prison (for example, on prison leave) without separate permission from the prison. The use of personal smartphones in prison is prohibited without separate permission from the prison (for example, for authentication in different systems).

The mobile phone provided by the prison may be used in the accommodation ward and within the fenced yard of the prison. The mobile phone may not be taken to the place of work or other activity or the administrative building without separate permission from the prison.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for acting against this rule.

## **9 § Smoking and cleanliness**

Smoking is forbidden in all other areas except for those specifically assigned for smoking. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for acting against this rule.

The order of the furniture in the accommodation room cannot be changed without the permission of an official of the Prison and Probation Service. All goods have to be stored in the cabinets and other storage places.

Pictures, posters, and other objects may only be attached to the notice board hung on the wall in the accommodation room. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for attaching objects elsewhere in the accommodation room.

Electrical devices must be switched off when leaving the accommodation cell.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for acting against this rule.

## **10 § Possession of property**

### **10.1 § Objects and substances the possession of which may be denied**

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 1 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it poses a threat to the safety of a person. Besides firearms, edged weapons, blunt instruments, explosives and gas sprays, such objects and substances include also, among others, poisons and aerosol products with propellant gas.

In addition, substances posing a threat include chemical compounds that can be used to make explosives, such as hair dyes containing hydrogen peroxide.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it is especially suited for damaging property. These include, among others, tools suitable for damaging property.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 3 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if the possession of it is, when taking into account the conditions and the level of supervision in the prison or a prison ward, detrimental to general prison order. These include, among others, the following:

- 1) Devices that enable photography or filming. These include, among others, cameras and video cameras.
- 2) Devices that are suitable for intercepting and monitoring the radio traffic of authorities or otherwise observing the activities of authorities. These include, among others, radiotelephones and radio traffic detectors. Binoculars and other optical devices suitable for observation are also forbidden.
- 3) Objects that can cause a cleanliness, health, or fire hazard. These include, among others, tattoo equipment, animals, plants and candles.
- 4) Objects that are otherwise detrimental to the public order of the prison. These include, among others, objects used for fighting and escaping, replica weapons, and objects bearing the symbols of criminal organisations and groups.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 4 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it cannot be inspected without unreasonable difficulty or without damaging it.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 5 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if it is used as a means of commission of an offence or there are reasonable grounds to suspect that it will be used as such. This may refer to, for instance, a situation where a prisoner uses a typewriter, which is in the prisoner's possession, to falsify documents or commit frauds.

According to chapter 9, section 1, subsection 1, paragraph 6 of the Imprisonment Act, the possession of an object or substance may be denied if the prison has acquired a corresponding object for the use of the prisoner. These include, among others, objects already belonging to the furnishing of the accommodation room and other objects acquired by the prison for the use of prisoners if the prisoner has a real opportunity to use the object.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if the aforementioned objects or substances are found in the prisoner's possession.

## **10.2 § Other factors influencing the possession of objects or substances**

Prisoners are only allowed to have a reasonable amount of private property in their possession. The amount of utility articles given in their possession must be such that they can be stored in the storage spaces of the accommodation room in places reserved for them.

A prisoner may be given a mobile phone, one SIM card and/or a computer if the prisoner has been given permission to use and possess them. Otherwise, such devices are prohibited, as are add-ons and accessories that can be used to connect to the Internet. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner for an unauthorised possession of the aforementioned objects.

An Internet connection may not be established on game consoles or other devices, even if the device could enable it. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for unauthorised Internet access.

The prerequisites for the possession of an electrical device are that the device is type approved (CE marking), it is intact and it has an identification number.

Modifying authorised objects so that they are more suitable for being used for acts of violence is prohibited. This refers to, for example, making an article suitable as a blunt weapon or sharpening a toothbrush. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if such objects are found in the prisoner's possession.

When a prisoner brings goods to prison, they must be shown to the prison staff. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on a prisoner if the prisoner tries to bring unauthorised goods to a prison and avoid an inspection.

A maximum of 100 copies of all recordings (including CD, DVD, Blu-ray and game console games), 10 copies of books, and 20 copies of magazines are given into possession at a time.

The rules on the possession of property do not apply to objects and substances that have been given in the possession of a prisoner before the prison rules entered into force. If a prisoner is transferred to another prison, the prison rules in force there at the time of the transfer are applied.

## **11 § Prison wards**

The prison has no separate wards.

## **12 § Substance use and medication**

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating the commitment to abstain from intoxicating substances, or for manipulating or attempting to manipulate a substance use test.

Prisoners are not allowed to use or possess medication without the authorisation of a physician of the Health Care Services for Prisoners. Medication must be kept in pill dispensers and bags meant for them or other original packaging and unused medication has to be returned. Prisoners are not allowed to give medication prescribed to them to other prisoners. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating these rules.

### **13 § Entry into force**

These prison rules enter into force on 1 December 2025 and repeals the prison rules that entered into force on 1 March 2023.

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