

Prison and Probation Centre for Uusimaa

Prison rules for Jokela Open Prison Ward

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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 must comply with the prison rules. Prisoners 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.

Prisoners may also be imposed a disciplinary punishment if they fail 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 residential ward, and in areas appointed for outdoor exercise, meals, and free-time activities at times stated in the daily schedule of the ward (see 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 appropriately dressed within the prison area. In the lawn area behind building C, prisoners may be without a shirt on.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

4 § Headcount

Prisoner headcount is checked daily. Prisoners in the prison must report to the prison office at times stated in the daily schedule, i.e., **between 7.00 and 7.30 on weekdays and between 8.00 and 8.30 at weekends (on public holidays)**. The evening headcount is conducted in the residential buildings **daily at 19.30**. During evening headcounts, prisoners must stand up in front of the door of their residential room and face the staff carrying out the headcount. Exceptions to this may only be made if the prisoners' state of health prevents them from standing up. A headcount may be conducted at any time of day if need be.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed for violating this rule.

If a prisoner is not present in the specified place without an acceptable reason during headcount, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed on the prisoner.

5 § Work and free time activities

In Jokela Open Prison Ward, the available work activities include catering, cleaning, property maintenance, and outdoor area maintenance. Prisoners must comply with the daily schedule of the prison. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on prisoners for acting against this rule.

Prisoners, who have separate permission to use the internet, may participate in distance learning on their own computers at specified times and in designated locations. They must also have valid study permission.

As free-time activities, the prisoners can use the gym or exercise outdoors within the allowed area. In addition, religious events may be arranged according to separate schedules. The free-time activities of the open prison ward are included in the daily schedule.

Prisoners can visit the library at most once a week according to the daily schedule.

6 § Procuring goods

It is possible to purchase foodstuffs and other goods from the grocery shops and kiosks in Jokela during the time stated in the daily schedule. Prisoners must sign up for shopping beforehand in the office of the open prison ward on the day of shopping at the time stated in the daily schedule. More precise times are in the daily schedule of the ward.

In addition, prisoners may bring foodstuffs and other goods when they return from a prison leave.

7 § Visits

7.1 § Supervised visits

Supervised visits are arranged on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays.

The visiting times are:

- 9.00–10.15
- 12.30–13.35

Visits are not arranged on Christmas Eve or Midsummer Eve.

Prisoners may be visited by their spouse and children belonging to the same household **or** at most two other adult visitors.

In some cases, a child may be accompanied by another person close to the child, if the person who has custody of the child consents to it.

Prisoners may book a visit for the following weekend by filling in a separate application form on the preceding Wednesday at the latest (or two days before a public holiday). The form must be submitted to the office of the ward by 12.00. An official of the Prison and Probation Service confirms the time of the visit and returns the form to the prisoner. Prisoners are obligated to inform their visitors of the time of the visit. In addition to the visiting hours referred to above, the officials may also appoint other time for a justified reason.

Visitors must report to the office of the open prison ward before the visit.

If prisoners violate the terms of a visit laid down in the prison rules, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed on them.

7.2 § Unsupervised visits

Prisoners can apply for an unsupervised visit in writing by filling in a separate application form. The application must be left in the office of the ward at least two weeks before the applied visiting time. Each unsupervised visit must be applied for separately.

Unsupervised visits are arranged in separate visiting facilities on Wednesdays, weekends, and public holidays at **9.00–13.35**.

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, once a week or according to their needs.

The duration of video communication is 30 minutes.

Video communication must be applied for by filling in a separate form at least one week before the desired time. The application must include the desired date and time.

Prisoners are not allowed to touch the video communication devices. The prison staff is in charge of monitoring, opening and closing communication via video or other devices.

The application must include the email address of the person to be contacted.

Video communication is arranged on weekends and public holidays between 16.00 and 18.00 and, if possible, at other times. The duration of video communication is 30 minutes; a longer duration may be granted if necessary. Prisoners are told the exact time of the communication when they are given the notification of the decision. Prisoners are obligated to inform their visitors of the time of the video communication.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on prisoners 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 visitors or prisoners must be given via the prison staff.

In connection with visits, prisoners may receive a minor amount (one plastic 30 litre 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.

When assessing the quality and quantity of the property to be received, the prison rules on the possession of property and the limitations of the storage facilities in Jokela Open Prison Ward, and the fire load caused by the goods are taken into consideration. The property must be left in the office where the visitors report to before the visit.

Clothes brought to prisoners are not necessarily included in the amount mentioned above if the prisoners have discussed the matter in advance with the senior official of the ward.

8 § Use of telephone

Regulations related to the use of the telephone at Jokela Open Prison Ward:

- The prison provides prisoners with a phone, which they can use while in prison.
- Prisoners must acquire a SIM card for their phone themselves.
- Prisoners may use the telephone at any time of day, except during activity hours specified in the daily schedule, appointments with prison staff, and visits.
- The use of personal smartphones in prison is prohibited without separate permission from the prison (for example, for authentication required by specific systems).
- The prison may issue more detailed instructions on the use of the telephone.

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

Prisoners must not alter the layout of furniture in their rooms without permission from an official of the Prison and Probation Service. All goods must be stored in the cabinets and the shelf.

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

Electrical devices must be switched off when leaving the room.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on prisoners 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 residential room and other objects acquired by the prison for the use of prisoners if they have a real opportunity to use the object.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on prisoners if the aforementioned objects or substances are found in their 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 residential room in places reserved for them.

Prisoners may be given a mobile phone, one SIM card and/or a computer if they have 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 prisoners 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 prisoners if such objects are found in their possession.

When prisoners bring goods to prison, they must be shown to the prison staff. A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on prisoners if they try to bring unauthorised goods in 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 prisoners before the prison rules entered into force. If prisoners are transferred to another prison, the prison rules in force there at the time of the transfer are applied.

11 § Prison wards

Jokela Open Prison Ward 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 18 May 2026 and repeal the prison rules that entered into force on 1 December 2019.

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