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# **Prison rules for Käyrä 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 must 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 (appendices 1-3).

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

During visiting hours, all prisoners are forbidden to move in the shore area, except for the barbecue area.

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

Prisoners must be properly dressed within the prison area.

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

The number of prisoners is checked in places and at times stated in the daily schedule.

When the checking of the number of prisoners is carried out by reporting to the prison officers' office, the prisoners must make sure that they report in within the given time limit.

When the checking of the number of prisoners is carried out in the accommodation

facilities, prisoners are not allowed to leave the accommodation building until they hear an announcement that the checking is over.

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

The prisoners can participate in different kinds of work activities inside or outside the prison. The prison also organises individual programmes and group courses.

The variety of free-time activities is wide.

The prison library is open weekly during the opening hours stated in the daily schedule.

## **6 § Procuring goods**

The prison arranges escorted visits to a grocery shop where prisoners can purchase foodstuffs and other goods at least once a week. More precise times are in the daily schedule of the prison.

## **7 § Visits**

### **7.1 § Supervised visits**

Supervised visits are arranged on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays at 11.00-14.00. Prisoners must notify the staff of the visitors in advance by filling in the visit form. The forms are available at the prison officers' office and must be returned there by 18.00 on Thursday before the visit or two days before a visit on a public holiday. Supervised visits are not arranged on Christmas Eve or Midsummer Eve.

Supervised visits are arranged in the school building. There is also a supervised child-friendly visiting room in the same building. Prisoners can also meet visitors in the dining room on Saturdays and Sundays at 12.00–13.00.

Prisoners can be visited by their spouse and children belonging to the same household or at most five (5) other visitors. A visit may last three hours at most, i.e., between 11.00 and 14.00.

When the visit ends, the prisoner must go to the prison officers' office to report that the visitors have left.

Due to the limited number of visiting facilities, only the visitors and the prisoners, who are meeting visitors, can be in the school building and the dining room during the visiting hours.

## **7.2 § Unsupervised visits**

Prisoners may be granted an unsupervised visit upon application. An unsupervised visit must be applied for in good time before the desired date of the visit. The application form must be returned to the prison officers' office.

Unsupervised visits are arranged daily. In general, they are granted for the period from 17.30 to 15:30 on the following day.

During an unsupervised visit, the prisoner and the visitors are only allowed to move or spend time within the facilities designated for the unsupervised visit and the designated yard area in the immediate vicinity of the visiting room (appendix 3).

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

An application form for communicating via a video connection must be filled in beforehand. The forms are available at the prison officers' office and must be returned there two days before the desired time. The duration of the communication can be 30 minutes at most.

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

Possible goods meant for the visitor or the prisoner must be given via or in the presence of the prison staff.

Prisoners are not allowed to receive or give goods during supervised visits. The prisoners take the inspected goods brought by their visitors to their accommodation facilities before the visit begins.

## **8 § 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 must 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 room.

## **9 § Possession of property**

### **9.1 § 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.

## **9.2 § 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 into 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 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 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 50 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 into 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.

## **10 § Prison wards**

Käyrä Prison has no separate wards with different levels of supervision or range of activities.

Käyrä Prison has nine different accommodation buildings where the prisoners live. The accommodation buildings are marked with numbers (1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and "Yhteisö")



## **11 § Substance use and medication**

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed 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 Prisoners' Health Care Unit. Medication must be kept in pill dispensers and bags meant for them or other original packaging. Unused medication must 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.

## **12 § Entry into force**

This prison order enters into force on 2 December 2019 and repeals the prison order that entered into force on 3 June 2019.

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Appendix: Map on the buildings of Käyrä Prison

Translation updated on 4.12.2024: The formerly used name of the agency, Criminal Sanctions Agency, was changed to the currently used name, Prison and Probation Service.

## Appendix: Buildings of Käyrä Prison

