

# JUVENILE PUNISHMENT

## *What is expected of you?*

- You have to follow the plan and the schedule.
- You have to keep your supervisor updated on your contact information (phone number, address) on your own initiative.
- You have to be sober during the appointments and other meetings related to the punishment.

## *What are the consequences if you do not follow the rules?*

- If you do not come to an appointment, you can be fetched by the police next time.
- You can get a caution or a written warning from the Criminal Sanctions Agency.
- If you do not start serving the juvenile punishment, complete it, or care about a given caution, the Criminal Sanctions Agency notifies the matter to the prosecutor who can take further action.
- The court can sentence unconditional imprisonment instead of a not completed juvenile punishment.

### Criminal Sanctions Agency

The Criminal Sanctions Agency is a government authority, which enforces prison sentences and community sanctions under the direction of the Ministry of Justice. The goal of the Criminal Sanctions Agency is to contribute to the prevention of recidivism and the safety of society.

### Juvenile punishment



Community Sanctions Office:

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Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

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# What is juvenile punishment?

Juvenile punishment, which is included in the Criminal Code of Finland, is a specific sentence for offenders under the age of 18 years.

Juvenile punishment can last from four to twelve months.

## What does juvenile punishment include?

- Regular appointments with the supervisor
- Activities carried out under supervision
- Discussions with the supervisor, for example, about substance abuse, traffic behaviour or committing offences
- Orientation to employment and work

## What does supervision mean?

### Who supervises you?

- Supervision means that you meet your supervisor regularly.
- You get your own supervisor who is an official of the Criminal Sanctions Agency.
- Sometimes a private person can be used as an assistant supervisor.

- During the supervision appointments, we discuss among other things, factors related to your general life situation and your offence.
- Your supervisor also helps you to get oriented to employment or get information on education possibilities and apply for a study place.

## How is juvenile punishment carried out?

- You get a plan and a schedule, where you can see what you have to do.
- You take part in the making of the plan.
- The punishment is served eight hours a week at most.
- You can be entitled to a compensation for travel expenses caused by carrying out the punishment.

## Juvenile punishment can be sentenced if:

- you committed the offence at the age of 15 to 17
- the court considers a fine to be too lenient and unconditional imprisonment too severe a sanction for your offence
- juvenile punishment can improve your skills to cope in society and prevent recidivism.

