

# Criminal Sanctions Region of Eastern and Northern 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 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 Criminal Sanctions Agency 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.

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

The number of prisoners is checked in the prison ward in the evenings during the closing of the ward and in the dining room on weekdays during breakfast, lunch, and dinner where attendance is compulsory. During weekends and public holidays, the number of prisoners is checked in the office of the prison officers or in the dining room according to the daily schedule.

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**

Work activities include textile work, cleaning, and maintenance of the outdoor areas. In addition, the prison arranges education and programmes. Separate instructions on the activities include a more detailed schedule.

The prisoners can visit the municipal library of Juuka every other Tuesday. 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 may go shopping in the local grocery shop twice a week. The shopping days are Monday evenings and Fridays.

Prisoners have to go to the prison officers' office to sign up for shopping beforehand. More precise times are in the information leaflet for prisoners and the daily schedule of the ward.

## **7 § Visits**

### **7.1 § Supervised visits**

Supervised visits are arranged in the dining room on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, excluding Christmas Eve and Midsummer Eve. The visiting hours are 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.

Prisoners have to reserve a visiting time beforehand in the prison officers' office 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.

### **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
- 1-day visit from Saturday 17.30 to Sunday 17.30
- 2-day visit from Friday 17.30 to Sunday 17.30.

### **7.3 § Contact via video connection**

Prisoners may be given permission to use a video connection to communicate primarily with their close relatives and other close people who live far away.

Prisoners can apply for a meeting via video connection by filling in a separate form. The communication via video connection can last at most two (2) hours and it is usually arranged in the dining room on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays or other time agreed separately. For a special reason, the communication via video connection can be arranged at other times. The video connection is opened, closed, and monitored by the prison staff.

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

Prisoners are allowed to receive or give a small amount of goods on the day of a visit. The reception and giving of goods always happen with the permission and under the supervision of the prison 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 § 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 Criminal Sanctions Agency. 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.

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**

The prison has no separate wards.

## **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 has to 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.

## **12 § Entry into force**

This prison order enters into force on 19 December 2019 and repeals the prison order that entered into force on 18 January 2019.

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