



Visiting conditions for individuals

The Public Prosecutor's Office, the court authorities, the management of the Basel City prison service allow detainees to receive visits from their relatives in line with the applicable guidelines.

Persons on remand

If you wish to visit someone who is on remand, you can print the form "Visiting persons on remand" from the Internet (<https://www.bs.ch/jsd/bdm/justizvollzug/untersuchungsgefaengnis/lageplan-und-besuchsinformationen>) or request this from the remand centre. Please send a copy of the completed and signed form, along with a copy of an official identity document, to the Basel City Public Prosecutor's Office. For all visits to a detainee on remand, a valid visiting permit from the responsible management office must always be presented. The visiting permit must be issued to you by the responsible management office.

Important: Visits are supervised and take place behind a glass partition. Conversations must take place in German. Interpreter visits are organised by the prison service. The ongoing proceedings must NOT be discussed.

Persons serving a prison sentence/subject to involuntary commitment

If you wish to visit someone who is serving a prison sentence, you can print the form "Visiting persons serving a prison sentence" from the Internet (<https://www.bs.ch/jsd/bdm/justizvollzug/untersuchungsgefaengnis/lageplan-und-besuchsinformationen>) or request this from the remand centre. Please send a copy of the completed and signed form, along with a copy of an official identity document for verification, to the Basel City Public Remand Centre, Innere Margarethenstrasse 18, 4051 Basel. You will be informed if your visit is approved by telephone or email.

Juveniles

The prison service issues visiting permits. Visits can only take place behind a glass partition.

Short-term detention

For those visiting detainees subject to short-term detention, the visitor does not require a visiting permit. Visits take place in the group room without a glass partition.

Visit quotas

Every person detained on remand is entitled to visitation lasting 30 minutes per week increasing to 1 hour per week from the 2nd month. For juveniles, this entitlement is 1 hour per week from the beginning.

Anyone detained on remand, serving a prison sentence or subject to involuntary commitment is entitled to 1 hour per week. The inmate can have a maximum of two persons per visit (children and adolescents under the age of 18 are not counted).

Persons held in short-term detention have an unlimited right to visits during visiting hours. The inmate can have a maximum of two persons per visit (children and adolescents under the age of 18 are not counted).

Visiting times

All visits must be arranged by telephone in advance on
Tel. 061 267 52 15 and require a valid visiting permit

Remand

Monday to Friday, 13:00 to 16:00 (end of visiting)

Persons serving a prison sentence or subject to involuntary commitment

Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 11:00 (end of visiting)

Juveniles on remand

Monday to Friday, 13:00 to 16:00 (end of visiting)

Young people serving a prison sentence or subject to involuntary commitment

Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 11:00 (end of visiting)

13:00 to 16:00 (end of visiting)

Checks on persons

All visitors must present a valid identity document (identity card, passport or driving licence). Copies are not accepted. Mobile phones, keys, wallets and other electronic devices must be stored in the lockers. Visitors undergo a check afterwards.

Not permitted

Smoking is not permitted in the visitor areas. Eating and drinking is generally not permitted in the visitor areas. Pets may not be brought along to visits.

Misuse

If visits are misused, notably due to the unauthorised provision or receipt of letters, money or items of any kind, threats or attacks against decency or morals, the visit will be terminated. Gross violations may lead to disciplinary actions (ban on visits).

Provision of items: Information for relatives and visitors

Goods and effects can only be accepted on presentation of an official identity document.

Detainees may only receive **clothes, shoes, money, books, shaving equipment, wrist watches, jewellery and reading glasses. Please see "Acceptance of goods" on the remand centre's website for further details.** Any large or banned items will be refused.

Exceptions may be made at Christmas, Easter and on personal birthdays.

- Money can be left at the entrance in exchange for a corresponding receipt. This will be credited to the detainee's account and managed by the inmate accounts department. Detainees may not possess any money (i.e. in the cells).
- Books: When on remand, any books provided are always checked by management (public prosecutor's office), and by the prison for other detention categories.
- Electric shavers are accepted for detainees.
- Clippers and battery-operated devices are not permitted.
- Wrist watches, jewellery and reading glasses are accepted. The prison takes no responsibility for personal items in the possession of detainees. In case of valuable items, the management decides when to allow or refuse such items.
- Medicines are only accepted after approval from the prison service's medical department.

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The Prison Management

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