



Rules and regulations: visiting hours for private visitors

The public prosecutor's department, the authorities of the court of justice and the management of the prison of Basel-City, allow detainees, visits from relatives and friends under the subsequent house rules.

Custody awaiting trial

You have to inform the detained person in writing that you would like to visit him.

The detained person will send you a request form which you complete with the necessary information (name, first name, address) and documents (copy of the personal identity card or passport) and send it to the proceeding line.

For all visits at the detention while awaiting trial a valid visit permission from the proceeding line must be available. The visit permission will be sent by the responsible proceeding line

IMPORTANT: All visits are supervised and conducted behind glass panels, and all conversations must be held in the German language. Visits requiring an interpreter will be organized by the concerned authority. It is not permitted to discuss over the current legal procedure.

Penalty execution, execution awaiting trial, security measures

You inform the detainee in writing that you wish to visit him/her.

The detainee will provide you with a form for you to sign. Please double check your personal details, address, birth date and submit the form with your signature, for a final verification to the detention center of Basel-Stadt, Innere Margarethenstrasse 18, 4051 Basel.

Minors

Visitor permits are issued by the respective concerning authority.

During these visits visitors and detainees are separated by a glass panel

Detention awaiting deportation:

For visits to detainees in deportation custody, no visitor permit is required.

Visitors Quotas

Each detainee in custody has the right to a visitor quota of a ½ hour a week, and as from the 2nd month of detention, 1 hour per week, according to the instructions issued by the public and youth prosecutor.

Each detainee in custody; penalty execution, execution awaiting trial, or for security measures, has a weekly quota of 1 hour. The detainee may receive a maximum of two persons per visit. (Children and young people up to age 18 are not counted).

For the detainees in detention awaiting deportation no visitors time limit is set, however the visits must take place within the context and house rules and regulations. These detainees are allowed a maximum of two visitors at the same time. (Children and young people up to age 18 are not counted).

Visiting hours

All visits need to be fixed under telephone number 061 267 52 15 in advance and are only allowed with a valid visit permit.

Investigative custody

Monday – Friday, 13:00 – 16:00 hrs. (End of visit)

Penalty execution, execution awaiting trial, security measures, detention awaiting deportation

Monday – Friday, 08:00 – 11:00 hrs. (End of visit)

Investigative custody for minors

Monday – Friday, 13:00 – 16:00 hrs. (End of Visit)

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Monday – Friday, 08:00 – 11:00 hrs. (End of visit)

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Visitor screening

All visitors must present a valid government issued ID (identity card, passport, driving license, residence permit). Copies are not accepted. Handbag, mobile phone and other electronic items must be placed into a locker. All visitors are then subjected to undergo a body screening.

Not allowed

Smoking is not permitted in the visitor rooms. In addition, it is prohibited to eat and drink in the visitor rooms. Animals may not be brought along to the visit.

Violation to the rules:

In case of a violation to the rules, especially by unauthorized handing of letters, money and goods of all kinds, spoken out threats or assaults against decency and morality, the visit will immediately be aborted. Gross violations may result in disciplinary proceedings.

The issue of goods for detainees: relevant information for family members and visitors

Goods and movable property can only be accepted, without exception, against presentation of an official identity card.

For security reasons we only accept the following items: **CLOTHES, SHOES, MONEY, BOOKS, ELECTRICAL RAZORS, WRIST WATCHES, JEWELRY, AND READING SPECTACLES.**

All other goods will be returned or until discharged, stored with further personal belongings of the detainee. Perishable goods will be disposed of. Exceptions are applied for Christmas, Easter, and personal birthdays.

- Money can be deposited at the Porte/Entrance and a receipt will be handed back to you. They paid-in money will be managed by the detainee accounting. Detainees may not hold money. (i.e., not even in their cell area).
- Books: In custody the control of delivered books is done by the legal procedure investigator (public prosecutor) and in other custody categories book controls are carried out by the prison staff.
- Electric razors are accepted.
- Battery devices and hair trimmers are not approved.
- Wrist watches, jewelry, and ready spectacles are accepted. No liability will be granted from the prison for personal property in the possession of the detainees. The prison Management will decide about the approval or rejection of valuable personal items.
- Drugs / medicines will only be accepted prior to agreement or order of the prison medical services.

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