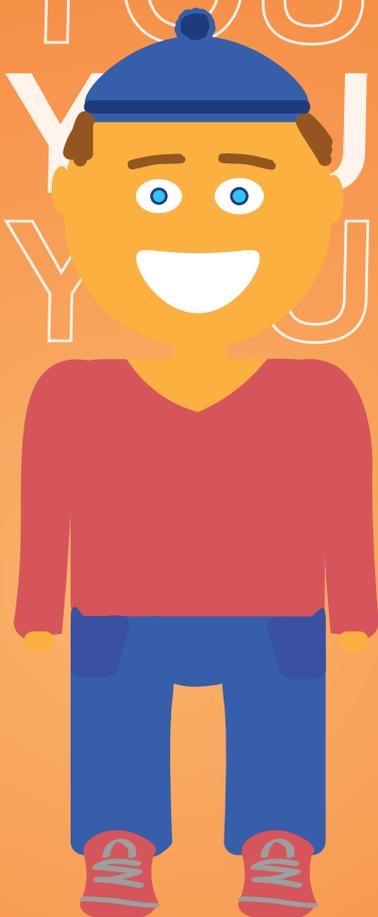


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Dropping by a prison for a visit

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INTRODUCTION

Visiting a prison for the first time is quite the experience. How will it be, and what can you expect? We use some photos to show you the way. With these photos you can see what you might encounter on your way to the visiting room.

Your father, mother, brother, sister, or other family member may be waiting for you there. In every prison, the entrance, the corridors, and the rooms look different. The colours might be different too. The size of the prison might vary as well.

When you come to prison on a regular visiting day, there is often a divider between you and the person you are visiting. You are not allowed to touch each other, but you can have a chat. Different rules apply on special days, such as the parent-child day. You can give each other a hug, and you can play games or talk together.

Let's follow Myrthe. She is going to visit her father. It may be a bit different in real life, but you will recognise a lot of things

Enough said: let's go!

Exciting, isn't it?





Myrthe is standing at the prison. Her travels are done, her journey begins.

What a big gate, isn't it? It is time to take a look behind the doors.





Fact:

From the age of 14, young people have to identify themselves.

Before you see your dad (or mum), you have to do a few things. For example, you need to go to the counter and say your name.



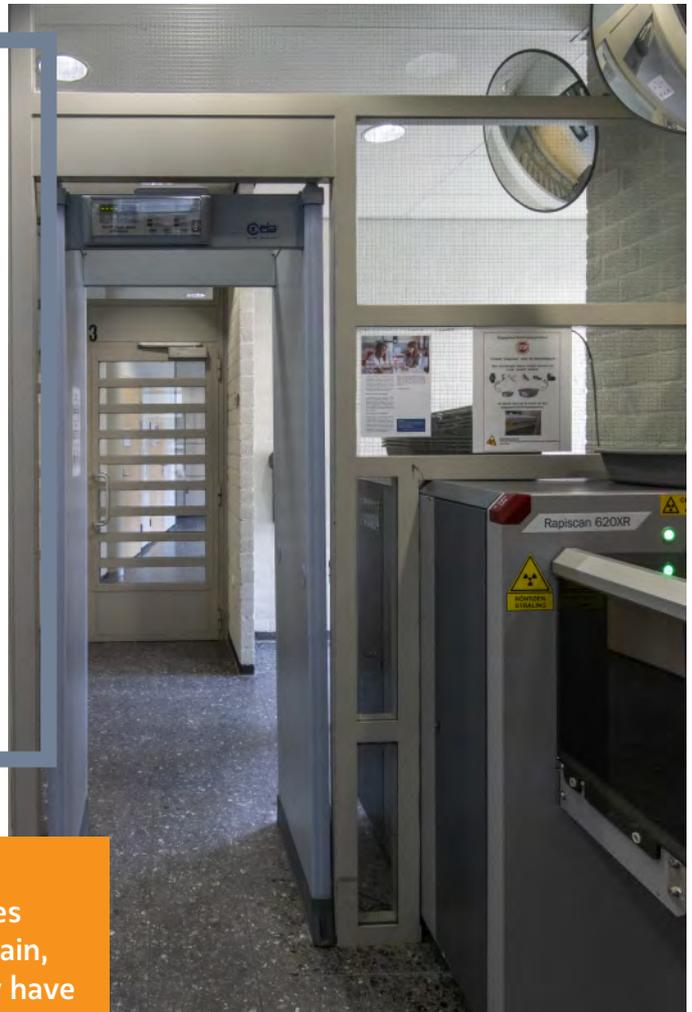
Fact:

During every single visit, you will be checked. The guards will probably not recognise you.

Then you come to the lockers, where you store things that you may not take with you on your visit. Your mobile goes into the locker as well; you can pick it up again after the visit.



This is the detection gate. Before you walk through it, you first put all metallic things you have on you in a tray, such as your belt or watch. Then you walk through the gate. Sometimes the gate will give a beep. Not to worry; maybe you forgot something such as your keys. You will be asked to find anything metallic remaining in your pockets and put it on the tray.



Fact:

Guards in uniform can sometimes have a very grim-faced stare. Again, not to worry. Keep in mind: they have to make sure everybody is safe in the building, including you!



Usually you hear a buzzer go off; then the door opens!





There are many corridors and doors in the prisonbuilding. Myrthe is walking through the corridor. Can you see the sign?

The sign reads: Visitors for prisoners go right, visitors for employees go straight ahead





Have you counted the doors
you went through so far?
(Answer: 2)





Just a little longer,
and Myrthe will see
her dad again.



The last door to see dad.
Through the little window you
can already see the visitors'
room. With tables and chairs.

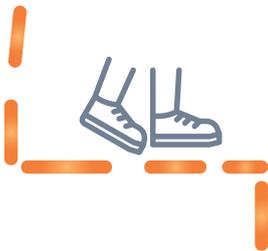


This is the visiting room. More people come here to visit someone. During the visit, you can talk about whatever you want. About school, or about friends or sports. Or perhaps that you miss each other. Mostly there is something to drink. Sometimes you talk to each other via a phone attached to a glass window that is between you and your parent.





It was very nice to see each other again. Hopefully we can do this again soon!



Okay, hopefully with these photos you have been given some idea what a prison visit is like. And now: off you go. We'll take the same route back to the prison's entrance. And then: home.



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Do you now have a better idea of the visit? Perhaps you would like to talk more on this? You are welcome! Feel free to contact Centre of Expertise K I N D.

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