

Inspection visits to the detention cells at the Paide and Rapla Police Stations of the West Prefecture of the Police and Border Guard Board

On 26 May 2015, advisers to the Chancellor of Justice undertook unannounced inspection visits to the detention cells at the Paide and Rapla Police Stations of the West Prefecture of the Police and Border Guard Board. The Chancellor of Justice involved in the inspection visit an official of the Rescue Board as a specialist expert tasked with the verification of compliance with the fire safety requirements in these buildings.

As a result of the inspection visit, the Chancellor of Justice issued the West Prefecture of the Police and Border Guard Board with the following recommendations:

- provide the exercise yards of the Paide and Rapla cells with a partial roof and seating (a bench or the like) for the detainees;
- modernise the technical equipment used for organising short-term meetings at the Rapla cell, allowing for the fact that the relevant technical solution should ensure the greatest possible degree of privacy of conversation between a detainee and the person meeting with her or him;
- record in all relevant documents, as accurately as possible, the notification of persons close to a detainee about her or his detention and retain in the initial medical examination record information about any external injuries sustained by the detainee;
- see to it that an automated fire detection and fire alarm system is installed in the building in accordance with the existing plan, in collaboration with the owner of the Paide Police Station (Riigi Kinnisvara AS).