

## **Information for those who are under police arrest – and who are between 15 and 18 years old**

The police officers will give you this information both verbally and in writing, so that you can bring it back with you to your cell and read it there.

- When you get to the police station, we will **look after you all the time** until you have entered the cell.
- We will tell you **why you are here and what is going to happen**.
- If you do not understand what we are saying to you, we will provide you with **an interpreter**.
- We will contact **your parents**, or **guardians**, and you will also have the opportunity to call your parents.
- We will also contact **the child welfare service**, who may come to visit you.
- You can call your **lawyer**, and if you do not have a lawyer, we will help you with your rights to get legal assistance.
- You **are not obliged to make a statement** to the police.
- If you **want to make a statement**, your defense attorney, parents or guardians must be with you.
- If you need **medical attention**, you can request it at any time when you are with the police.
- If you bring your **own medicines**, we will make sure that a doctor assesses and doses the medicines. Remember to tell us that you are taking medication.
- We will **examine your items and clothing** to see if you have something that you could hurt yourself or others with. If you prefer a man or woman to examine you, ask for it.
- Everything **we take from you, will be put in a safe place**.
- We **will come by every half hour** while you are in your cell, and we are always close by if there is something you need or you need to talk to someone.
- If we may think that you will get hurt or get sick while you are with us, we can put **on a camera and sound** to monitor you.
- If you get a visit from a **lawyer, doctor, child welfare service, parents or guardians** the visit must take place in a room without cameras and audio recordings.
- If you are very aggressive, we may use handcuffs for a shorter period of time. And if you attack us or others, we may also use other legal **means of force** to prevent such attacks and injuries.

- You get **food and drink** regularly. Let us know if you need any extra food and drinks. We make sure you get food adapted to allergies and your religion or beliefs.
- If you have been in your cell for a while, you can ask to get **out in the fresh air** for a shorter period of time. If you do not ask, we will come to offer you such a walk at least once a day.
- You have the possibility to **take a shower**.
- You will **be released** when we no longer have reason to hold you here. When you are released, you will be notified of what will happen further and you will get your things back, if they are not confiscated.
- If the police have to hold you for **more than 24 hours**, you will be driven to a prison cell with better furnishings and other facilities. If you **are under the age of 16**, we will try temporary placement in institutions under the child welfare service.

*Police Directorate, 1st of September 2024*