

Mediavisits at Bastøy Prison

Bastøy prison receives every day request from various media to do reportages and documentaries. Our policy is openness and we see it as important to explain how a society as this can exist and work within the boundaries of being a prison. However the number of requests outnumbers by far our possibility to receive visits.

We allow only visits for one day. Our 115 inmates have a regal right to privacy and not being exposed to media. We honour that right.

When granted access to the prison, media have to respect that right. This means that it is only the inmates who have given a written consent that are to be filmed. Other inmates cannot be filmed, not even from a distance.

Media have to accept and sign our rules for media visits. On the island the everyday life during a workday with consensual inmates can be filmed. We don't stage swimming or bbq's on request, because that's not representative of everyday life in the prison.

If you wish to contact us to do a reportage from the prison, do so by mail to tom.eberhardt@kriminalomsorg.no

We can not execute visits on a short notice so visits normally have to be booked several weeks or months in advance.

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