#### These are the addresses of Berlin prisons:

 Justizvollzugsanstalt Moabit Alt-Moabit 12a 10559 Berlin Tel.: (030) 9014-0

Justizvollzugsanstalt Tegel

Seidelstr. 39 13507 Berlin

Tel.: (030) 90147-0

Justizvollzugsanstalt Plötzensee
 Friedrich-Olbricht-Damm 16
 13627 Berlin

Tel.: (030) 90144-0

 Justizvollzugsanstalt Heidering Ernst-Stargardt-Allee 1 14979 Großbeeren Tel.: (030) 901473-0

Jugendstrafanstalt Berlin
 Friedrich-Olbricht-Damm 40
 13627 Berlin

Tel.: (030) 90144-0

 Justizvollzugsanstalt des Offenen Vollzuges Berlin Hauptanstalt [main open prison]
 Niederneuendorfer Allee 140-150
 13587 Berlin

Tel.: (030) 901474-710

Here you can find the prison's web pages.

https://t1p.de/jvaf-berlin





#### **Books**

There are several books for children and parents about a family member being in prison. The books can be read to you by an adult or you can read them by yourself.

You can find a list by scanning this code with your mobile phone or by entering this internet address.

https://t1p.de/literatur-hinweise





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# INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN OF DETAINED FATHERS

How you can stay in touch with your father

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### My father is in prison

What does that actually mean? Your Dad has done something forbidden and now has to live in a prison for a while. By the way, the German word for prison is *Justizvollzugsanstalt* (*JVA* for short). We call it prison in this flyer.

Your Dad lives in the prison with other men.

He lives in a room there. Most of the time he goes to work. But he also does sports, he sleeps and eats there. What he can't do: He can't go out to visit you. And he is not allowed to use a mobile phone to send you messages and photos. But he can call you and you can visit him. But there are a few things to keep in mind.

### Visit to the prison

To visit your Dad in prison, an adult must register you. You can come together with an adult and even spend time alone with your Dad in an extra play session. However, this must be arranged in advance.

Unfortunately, you are not allowed to visit your Dad as often as you would like. A visit to the prison is very different from visiting someone at home. You have to wait at the entrance and are not allowed to walk around alone. The people who work there are in uniform. They look a bit like policemen and have lots of keys.

Here you can see what happens during a visit.

https://t1p.de/besuch-im-gefaengnis

This is a QR code
You can scan it with your
mobile phone, and it will
take you to the right page
on the internet where you
can read more.



You can also enter the internet address. Ask an adult to help you!

#### In the visiting room

In a prison, it doesn't look the same as at home in the living room. Sometimes there are strangers around when you meet with your Dad. Sometimes you don't know exactly what to say. Then it's nice to play a game together. Often there are a few games in the visiting room that you can try out together.

When you are older, you are already used to everyone having to wear a mask. Because of Covid, everyone has to keep their distance and it may even be that Dad has to sit behind a glass pane. It's a pity and no fun, but it has to be done to keep everyone healthy.

This page explains why visits during times of Covid are different.

https://t1p.de/corona-im-gefaengnis



## Lots of questions

For many children it is difficult when Dad is not there. Others in the family also have many worries now. If you don't understand something, it is good if you can ask an adult.

But you can also ask people who are specifically there to answer your questions and know what they are talking about.

Here you will find a lot of information especially for children who are in the same situation as you.





https://t1p.de/papa-im-gefaengnis https://t1p.de/juki-online Here you can find answers to questions that other children have already asked. Maybe yours is one of them? https://t1p.de/juki-faq





When someone from the family is detained, it is often difficult for the children and adults. Sometimes you need help, that is quite normal. Here you and your family can

find support, for example if there are problems with the flat or with money.

https://t1p.de/adressen-kontakte

#### To send a letter

When your Dad is in prison, you can't see him very often. But you can do that: You can write a letter. If you can't write yet, maybe an adult can help you. Your Dad will also be happy if you draw a picture!

To send the letter to your Dad, write his name and the address of the prison on the envelope, for example like this:

Name of the prison
First name and surname of your Dad
Street and number
Zip code and city

Write your own name and address on the back. Ask an adult to help you with this.