

Visits to the JVA Essen

No appointments shall be issued for **legal advisers (lawyers) and public officials**. Visits shall be possible during the following times: **Monday to Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Individuals in a non-official capacity may make appointments for one-on-one, group and children's visits by contacting the Visitor's Department (Besuchsabteilung). This department may be contacted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and on Wednesdays from 12:00 am to 7:30 pm on the telephone number **0201 / 7246-156**. Visiting appointments may also be arranged by email (**besuch@jva-essen.nrw.de**).

Registration times at the gate during visits by **individuals in a non-official capacity**:

	One-on-one visits (EB) optical and / or acoustic monitoring	Group visits (GB) Optical monitoring	Children's visits
Monday	09:00 am - 3:00 pm	08:30 am - 2:30 pm	09:00 am - 3:00 pm (EB)
Tuesday	08:40 am - 3:10 pm	./.	08:40 - 3:10 pm (EB)
Wednesday	11:45 am - 5:45 pm	11:15 am - 5:15 pm	11:45 am - 5:45 pm (EB)
Thursday	08:40 am - 3:10 pm	./.	08:40 am - 3:10 pm (EB)
1st Saturday / month	./.	08.45 am	10.30 am (GB)

Registration shall take place via the intercom located in the visitors' waiting area in front of the correctional facility itself (30 metres to the right of the gate), stating the number issued when arranging the appointment in question. Your visit shall begin roughly 20-30 minutes after the registration time agreed with the correctional facility.

Your allotted visiting time is, in principle, two hours a month, which is typically divided into two visits, each lasting 60 minutes. Further, biological and adopted children (minors) may attend a dedicated 2-hour children's visit each month. Until a child reaches the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult during the visit.

Visitors must verify their identity with a valid ID card or passport from the age of 16 upwards. When concerning prisoners on remand, a visitor's permit as issued by the competent court must also be presented, if required by the court itself.

A so-called "fictional certificate" shall only entitle a person to admission if it has been created in conjunction with a valid ID card from another state.

When concerning a fictional certificate, which is based exclusively on the information provided by the holder, and in the event of any expired identification documents, no admission shall be granted.

During a group visit, a coupon with a value of EUR 10.00 or EUR 20.00 (maximum amount) can be purchased for the prisoner, who may then choose a pre-sealed package (tobacco, sweets) after the visit has taken place. During a one-on-one visit, the desired package shall be purchased directly by visitors before the visit. The amount of money should match the designated spend exactly (no change given), and should be brought in note form, wherever possible.

For security reasons, it is prohibited to hand over cash to prisoners during the visit, or to send prisoners cash by post. During office hours, said funds can be paid into the account held for the prisoner at the designated office ("Zahlstelle") at the JVA Essen. Otherwise, it is also possible to transfer funds to the JVA Essen.

The bank account details are as follows:

IBAN: DE83360100430003109432

Postbank Essen (BIC: PBNKDEFF)

Purpose: The prisoner's last name, first name and date of birth

Should any items be issued or accepted during a visit, this shall require a permit. With regard to prisoners on remand, this shall be issued by the court (if it decrees), or otherwise by the correctional facility itself.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Visitor's Department at the JVA Essen!