

Custody: reception to release

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**Office of the
Custodial Inspector**
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Easy Read information





The Office of the Custodial Inspector acknowledges Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the Traditional Custodians of lutruwita/Tasmania.

We recognise their continuing connection to Land, Sea, Waterways, Sky and Culture and pay our respects to Elders, past and present.

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About this information



The Custodial Inspector wrote this.

When you see the words 'we' or 'us' it means the Office of the Custodial Inspector.



We wrote this information in a way that is easy-to-read.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some hard words are written in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker. We explain what the hard words mean.



You can ask for help to read this paper.

You could ask a friend, family member, support person or advocate.

About Tasmania Prison Service



It is the job of the **Tasmania Prison Service** to look after people in custodial centres.

We call it the **TPS** for Short.



There are five Custodial Centres.

- Risdon Prison Complex
- Ron Barwick Prison
- Mary Hutchinson Women's Prison
- Hobart Reception Prison
- Launceston Reception Prison

Recommendations



Recommendation 1

All entry documents about the prison should be easy to read and understand.

They should look the same.

Recommendation 2



People in custody should be able to talk to the **Classification Review Panel**.

The **Classification Review Panel** choose your level of security once you are in custody.



The levels of security are:

- Minimum security
- Medium security
- Maximum security

It should be easy to talk to the Classification Review Panel.

Recommendation 3

The Tasmanian Parliament should make changes to the Corrections law.



You should be able to stay an extra night in prison if you need. This will help you when making a plan to leave prison.

A form titled 'My plan for leaving Prison' in a blue header. Below the header are three rows, each with a checkbox and two horizontal lines for text. The first row has a blue checkmark in the checkbox. The second and third rows have empty checkboxes.

This means you will have what you need.

Recommendation 4

Information about internal complaints should be:

- clear and easy to understand for everyone



Recommendation 5



The TPS should work with the **Integrity Commission** to add their number to the **Common Auto Dial List**.



The **Integrity Commission** is an independent group that make sure people are doing the right thing and following the rules.

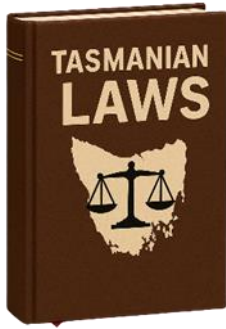
The **Common Auto Dial List** are the phone numbers that are free and on all the prison phones.



Recommendation 6

The TPS should make rules to make sure that only the right people get details of professional calls.

This helps to keep information safe and private.



Recommendation 7

The Tasmanian Parliament make a rule.

This rule should say letters between people in prison and groups like the Integrity Commission must only be opened by the person they are sent to.

This means no one else can read these letters. It helps keep the letters private and safe.



Recommendation 8

Everyone in prison should be able to access legal information.

Information should be:

- Easy to access.
- Up to date

The TPS should work with the law library.

This will help people get the legal help they need.





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