

National Standard

Country	Detention Issues	Key provision	Legal Instrument	NPM Recommendation	NPM Recommendation year	NPM report URL
Cyprus	Hygiene and sanitation	There must be a satisfactory number of bathrooms with hot and cold water.	Prison Regulations (Οι περί Φυλακών (Γενικού) Κανονισμοί του 1997)	A visit to a police station conducted by the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture in 2017 revealed that the sanitary facilities within the cells of the particular centre were not clean. The report of the National Mechanism stated that the responsibility for cleaning of sanitary facilities rests with the detention authority and not the detainees and recommended that the authorities examine alternative solutions for the cleaning of sanitary facilities and ensure their due sterilization every time there is a change of occupants. Issues arise in particular because of the lack of disinfection and cleanliness of the cells when changing their use from one prisoner to another, which was repeatedly reported by the prisoners themselves during their interviews. In addition, prisoners are not provided with any means (soap, cleaning liquids, etc.) to clean the cells and the sanitary facilities inside, as they are not provided by the authorities of the place of detention.	2017	http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/Ombudsman/Ombudsman.nsf/AII/70AE8103C233B667C2257E7B00273C69/\$file/%CE%95%CE%9C%CE%A02.15-02032015.doc?OpenElement
Cyprus	Hygiene and sanitation	There must be a satisfactory number of bathrooms with hot and cold water.	Prison Regulations (Οι περί Φυλακών (Γενικού) Κανονισμοί του 1997)	Following NPM inspection of Police Detention Centre of Aradipou, 24 July 2019: the Commissioner made the following recommendations on the improvement of treatment and living conditions of detainees: ... Ending the practice of cleaning the areas of hygiene by detainees and finding alternative ways to ensure their proper hygiene.	2019	http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/AII/7B827B68626C34B8C22585AF0033E89F/\$file/National%20Prevention%20Mechanism%20-%20Actions%20Review%202018%2019.pdf?OpenElement
Cyprus	Hygiene and sanitation	There must be a satisfactory number of bathrooms with hot and cold water.	Prison Regulations (Οι περί Φυλακών (Γενικού) Κανονισμοί του 1997)	The facilities in the women's ward have been improved with the opening of the new building in 2016, the cells are in good condition, each of them has a toilet that ensures the privacy of the people using it and the condition of the bathrooms is considered very satisfactory.	2022	https://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/AII/7A1649C29A825EE2C22588FC00463278/\$file/central%20prisons.pdf?OpenElement
Cyprus	Hygiene and sanitation	There must be a satisfactory number of bathrooms with hot and cold water.	Prison Regulations (Οι περί Φυλακών (Γενικού) Κανονισμοί του 1997)	Taking measures to ensure the privacy of all prisoners when using the toilets, either by modifications within the cells or, where this is not feasible, by building new toilets in the specific Wards.	2022	https://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/AII/7A1649C29A825EE2C22588FC00463278/\$file/central%20prisons.pdf?OpenElement

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