



Kriminalomsorgen
Halden fengsel

Rehabilitation through dynamic security

About Us

Established on April 8th, 2010, Halden is a maximum security prison that holds a maximum of 252 prisoners. It offers a dynamic security to rehabilitate individuals for successful release without reoffending.

As of 2015, the occupancy was at 251.

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There are no Life sentences

Halden provides a quiet and peaceful atmosphere that nurtures that expresses the nations philosophy towards the relative merit of punishment and forgiveness.

Combined with dignity and access to natural healing sources through nature. We plan and prepare for a successful life after release.

*Releasing your
neighbours*

The wall that surrounds the building is a traditional reminder of lost liberties, yet the environment also includes softness from nature to nurture rehabilitation and renewed growth.

Our guards go through extensive training. They are more than just guards. They are rehabilitation officers and coaches, helping to guide our occupants through adversity. This is especially important in our approach to diversity and inclusion, including female guards. Our occupants learn how to respect all human life and interaction.

Our programs provide daily training and learning to help our neighbours secure homes, jobs and support systems, including healthcare, education and pension after release.



• Dynamic Versus Static Security

Nurturing interpersonal relationships with staff is the primary factor in keeping our prison safe and violent free. In contrast to static security which is meant to control probable bad intentions, our approach prevents bad intention from occurring at all. We remove the set up for probable failure.

Inmates who require additional psychiatric or medical treatment occupy Unit A only. This effort ensures that all inmates get what they need to be successful in rehabilitation. It is important that we recognize that everyone as an individual, may need individual help and support.

