

BERLIN



# Justizvollzugsanstalt (correctional center) Tegel





### Site and Buildings

- facility operating under both closed and open prison system, opened on October 1, 1898 - initially with Units I, II and III
- site area: Approx. 131.805 m<sup>2</sup> (equivalent to approx. 17 football pitches)
- perimeter wall length: 1.465 m

### Capacity and Inmate Population

- **896** places for enforcement under closed prison system and **8** places for enforcement under open prison system
- average inmate population in 2024: **792**
- inmates: Male adults (serving sentences or under preventive detention)
- includes all types of prison sentences (from short-term to life sentences) as well as preventive detention
- percentage of foreign nationals in 2024: 50% of the total inmate population
- foreign nationals from 63 countries

### Transfers and releases in 2024 Total number: 731. Key figures include:

Transfers ...	326
... thereof to open prison system correctional facility	76
Conditional early releases (parole; acc. to German Criminal Code):	14
Sentence deferral for therapy (acc. to German Narcotics Act):	27
Pardons	1
Collective clemency (year-end)	10
Releases upon sentence completion	242
Releases due to deportation (acc. to German Code of Criminal Procedure	61



**Gate I** Staff entrance /  
Vehicle control area

**Gate Ia** Visitors entrance

**Gate II** Entrance for visitors of SothA /  
Lawyers / Expert witnesses /  
Logistics

**Gate III** Construction traffic

**1** Governor's office / Church

**2** Human Resources  
Management and  
administration  
Security department

**3** Social work department

**4** Technical supply  
center

**5** Locksmith's shop

**6** Inmates Property Chamber

**7** School /  
Psychotherapeutical carecenter /  
Department of psychology

**8** Kitchen

**9** Training kitchen / visitor center

**10** Training bakery

**11** Builders yard

**12** Bookbinder's shop

**13** Printing shop

**14** Garden center and nursery

**15** Sorting and assembly station

**16** Carpenter's workshop

**17** Painter's workshop

**18** Upholstery workshop

**19** Training unit for electricians,  
painters / varnishers

**20** Training unit for vehicle  
mechatronic technicians

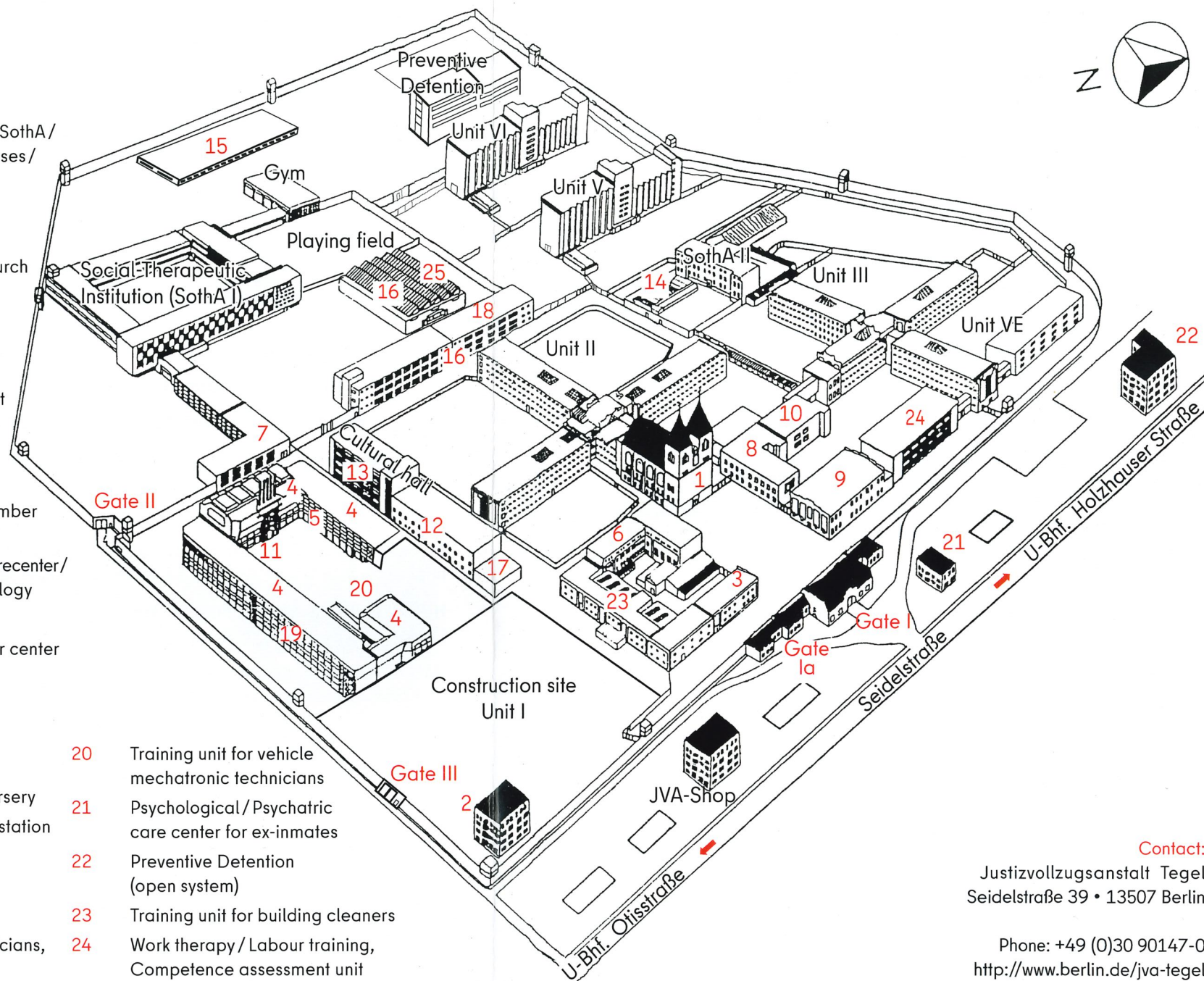
**21** Psychological / Psychiatric  
care center for ex-inmates

**22** Preventive Detention  
(open system)

**23** Training unit for building cleaners

**24** Work therapy / Labour training,  
Competence assessment unit

**25** Medical Care Center



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**Unit II:** Capacity for 341 inmates (= 341 places)

Special Units:

- High-Security Unit (specially secured unit for inmates posing a high risk of violence or escape) with a capacity of 8 places
- Units for inmates serving life sentences during the first phase of imprisonment (typically up to the 5th year), capacity for 28 convicts

**Social-therapeutic Institution (Section I and II):** Capacity of 141 places

- Admission criteria are legally defined. The target group consist of inmates who present a significant risk of violent crimes as well as sexual offences. Access is granted by the Admission Department or by sub-prison management following assessment by the Psychological Service. In specific cases, access is decided by the social-therapeutic Institution management. Inmates should be responsive to social-therapeutic interventions, suitable for group living, and should have a residual penalty of between 24 months and 4 years
- Social therapeutic treatment occurs within residential groups, with 108 places in Section I and 33 places in Section II
- Following admission, inmates progress through an intake phase, treatment phase, and transition/release phase (Three-Phase Model)

**Unit V:** Capacity of 174 places:

Special Units:

- Units for inmates serving life sentences during the second phase of imprisonment (typically up to the 10<sup>th</sup> year) with a capacity of 60 places
- Unit for prisoners subject to ordered or reserved preventive detention with a capacity of 30 places
- Segregation Unit for drug dealers with a capacity of 13 places
- Aftercare Unit of the Department for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Berlin Correctional Hospital (capacity: 13 places)

**Unit VI:** Capacity of 180 places

Special Units:

- Substitution Treatment Unit with a capacity of 60 places

**Facility for Preventive Detention:** Capacity of 68 places

- Separated from all other units
- 60 places for enforcement under closed system
- 8 places for enforcement under open system

**Employment and Qualification, School:** Capacity of 690 places for work, education and training

- 11 Inhouse workshops including work therapy or work training
- 6 areas for further vocational training
- School with 70 places, including capacity for distance learning students (secondary school diploma and university levels)
- 130 places for professional training measures and qualification programs

## Inhouse-Shop

- Gift articles
- Metal construction works
- Floral arrangements
- Office furniture
- Upholstery works
- Bookbinding works

Thursdays 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

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**Publication „125 Jahre Gefängnis Tegel“ (in German):**

<https://www.berlin.de/justizvollzug/anstalten/jva-tegel/die-anstalt/>

**History of the correctional Center Tegel (in German):**

<https://www.berlin.de/justizvollzug/anstalten/jva-tegel/die-anstalt/historie/>

**Uncensored prisoners magazine „der lichtblick“ (in German):**

<http://www.lichtblick-redaktion.de>

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