

Regular and ad hoc monitoring visits

The regular visits of the NPM to places of deprivation of liberty are of monitoring nature regardless of the existence of complaints.

To ensure the unhindered exercise of the Defender's activities, RA Constitutional Law on the Human Rights Defender prescribes the list of the places of deprivation of liberty, which are as follows:

- 1) police detention facilities;
- 2) penitentiary institutions;
- 3) psychiatric organizations;
- 4) garrison disciplinary isolators;
- 5) means of transportation for persons deprived of their liberty;

6) any other place where a person has been deprived or may be deprived of his or her liberty by a decision, order or instruction, consent, or permission of a state or local government or official, as well as any place which a person may not voluntarily leave without the decision or permission of a court, administrative or another body or official (Article 28 of the RA Constitutional Law on the Human Rights Defender, Part 4).

One of the most important principles of the work of the NPM is the protection of confidential information obtained in the course of work in places of deprivation of liberty, as well as the principle of “do no harm”. Information obtained under the status of the NPM shall be protected and personal data shall not be disclosed unless there are grounds provided by law.

More detailed information on the organization and implementation of the visits is provided in the attached document.