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Dual use of collective protection facilities in Finland

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Finnish Rescue Act



The Finnish Rescue Act says that we must build protection facilities to:

- A building of at least 1,200 square meters that is used as a permanent dwelling or workplace or is otherwise permanently occupied.
- A building or a group of buildings that is at least 1,500 square meters and used for industrial-, production- or storage purposes, or a building used as a place of assembly.
- There are exceptions for example temporary buildings etc.
- These protection facilities are built to protect people mainly from military or radiation threats.

City point of view:

- Most of all protection facilities in Finland are built into resident- or commercial buildings.
- Most cities and towns in Finland build protection facilities for schools, town halls etc. But bigger cities can have public protection facilities, or they have bigger facilities built into the bedrock.

Why Dual Use?



We want to use the space more effectively

- We can use the space for storage
- We can offer our citizens more space for hobbies, sports, arts
- We can rent time slots for sports organisations >> financial benefit

When the protection facilities are in active use

- We notice sooner if something is breaking or needs repairs
 - Regular upkeeps for equipment
 - Monthly, yearly, 10 years (machinery, air tightness)
- Citizens will learn where the protection facilities are and what kind of a space it is







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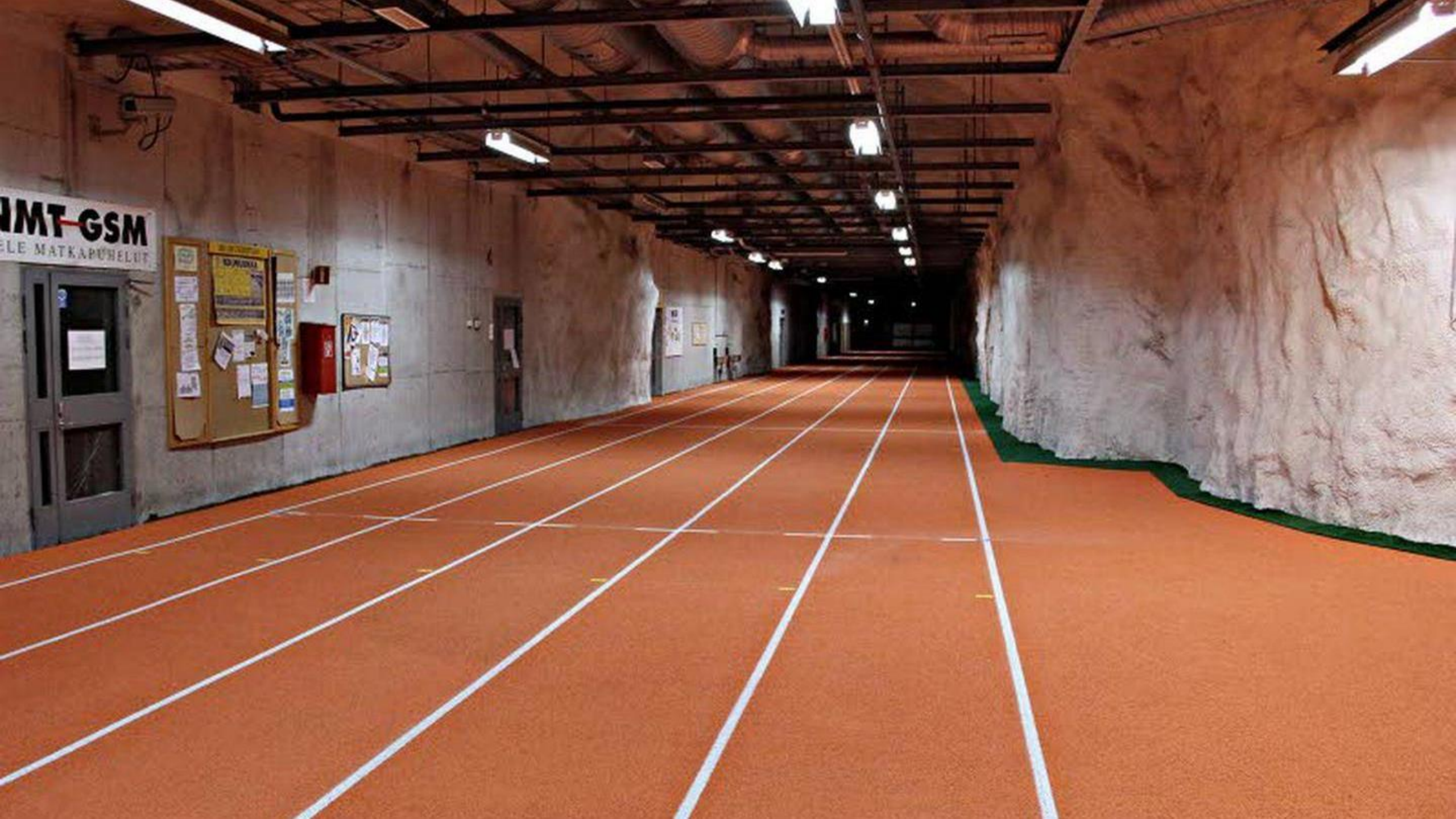
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How to get them working



Some parts of the process:

- 72 hours deadline to change the use of protection facilities
- Clear all unnecessary equipment from the space (sports equipment etc.)
- A place to store/move them to
- Personnel or volunteers to do this
- Personnel who come and ready the machinery and check the equipment
- Fill vessels with drinkable/usable water, portable toilets need to be assembled
- Citizens bring their own food, medicine, sleep equipment and entertainment (for about 2 days)

Remember

- It's 0,75 square meters of space per person
- It's not supposed to be a luxurious or easy, it's to survive and be protected

Thank you.

