



## Interview as a part of safety investigation

You are about to come to an interview, which is an integral part of the safety investigation process of the Safety Investigation Authority, Finland (SIAF). The information you provide will help with investigating what happened, and subsequently also help in preventing similar incidents from happening again in the future.

The goal of improving safety and preventing similar incidents from happening is achieved through safety recommendations that stem from a safety investigation. Safety investigation does not seek to establish legal liability, that is, whether an offence was committed or whether someone is liable to compensate for the damage that occurred. In the interview, you do not need to answer questions that could make you criminally liable.

The SIAF has the right to interview everyone it assumes to have information needed for the investigation. You have the right to receive reasonable compensation for the expenses resulting from attending an interview (travel and living expenses as well as financial loss).

## How is an interview conducted?

Your own native language or any other language that suits you best will be used in the interview. If necessary, an interpreter can participate in the interview.

If you wish, you can bring an assistant to the interview. S/he can raise matters s/he considers important. However, the assistant cannot answer questions on your behalf.

When a child or a person with a restricted legal capacity is interviewed, said person's custodian, guardian or other legal representative must be present.

The interview will be recorded.

## Keeping the information secret

The recording of the interview as well as the identity of the persons interviewed during the investigation are confidential. All other information you provide can be used in the public investigation report.

The SIAF can only disclose the information you provide to a pre-trial investigation or prosecution authority, if it is suspected that an offence has occurred for which the most severe punishment is at least two years of imprisonment. Even then, the information may only be disclosed with your specific consent, if this information has been - to an essential extent - received from you and you are a witness either in a pre-trial investigation or in a court proceeding in which you have the right or obligation to refuse to testify.

## Safety Investigation Act (525/2011)