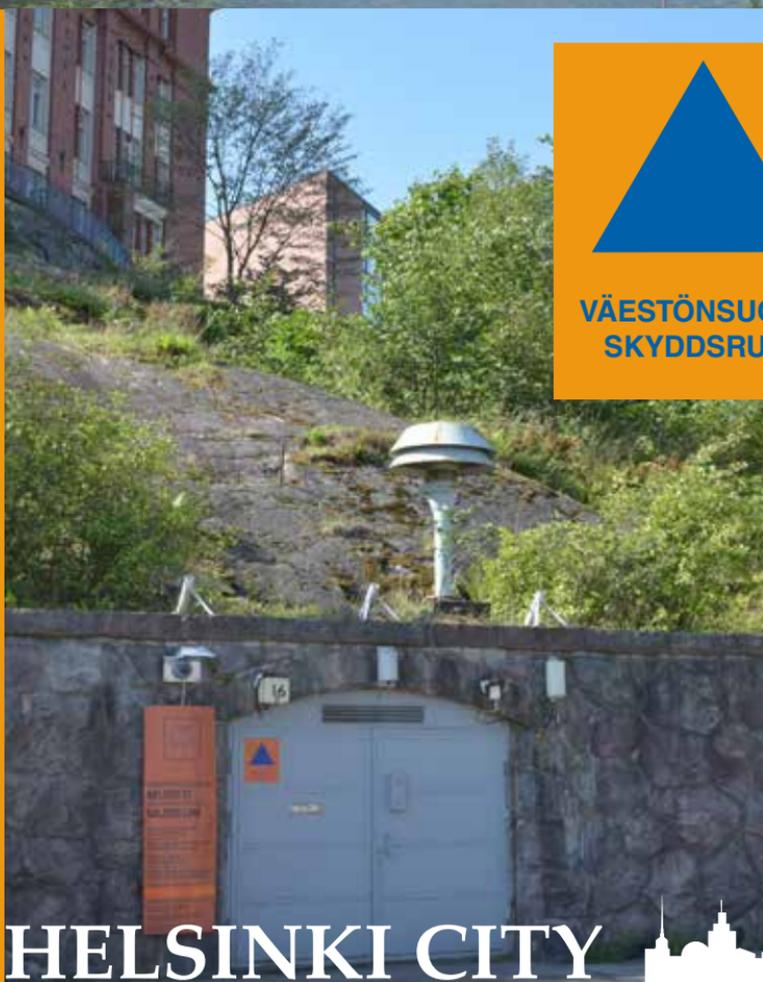




CIVIL DEFENCE



MUSEUM

HELSINKI CITY
RESCUE DEPARTMENT





The Civil Defence Museum of the Helsinki City Rescue Department

The Civil Defence Museum of the Helsinki City Rescue Department can be found in a wartime bomb shelter located on the coastline of Siltavuorensalmi, at Siltavuorenranta 16 B, 00170 Helsinki.

At the Museum you can find out more about civil defence in Helsinki during wartime, the general history of Finnish civil defence and its development, and what civil defence entails today.

The permanent exhibition features old equipment and technical items, literature, scale models, a diorama of wartime homes, a presentation of rescue dog operations, and a changing exhibition. Wartime (1939–1944) in Helsinki is depicted in detail: the period makes up almost a third of the exhibition. The premises include a basement shelter constructed to resemble a wartime bomb shelter, complete with bombing sound effects.



The Museum also features a model of the civil defence shelter of a modern apartment block, complete with equipment, which can be used to train civil defence shelter caretakers.

Furthermore, the Civil Defence Museum offers information on self preparedness and civil defence, as well as the Rescue Department's current civil defence operations. In the Museum's lecture theatre visitors can also watch videos about civil defence and everyday safety.

Information about the Museum's collections is provided in Finnish, Swedish and English.



We hope to see you soon!

Disasters and hazards training



Whilst the Helsinki Civil Defence Museum is part of the Helsinki City Rescue Department, it is the Civil Defence Association of Helsinki and voluntary guides who provide guide services.

The Civil Defence Association of Helsinki organises, by prior arrangement, self preparedness training for associations, groups and school classes visiting the Museum, with various different focus areas available. These include home resources, preparedness for emergency situations or serious disorder situations in Helsinki, protection from the dangers of radiation and gas, the history of civil defence, and guided tours of the Museum.

The duration of an individualised course is around 3 hours: training in the museum's premises and a museum tour, the course fee includes tea/coffee and a sweet bun. Minimum number of participants: 15. Fees from €5/person.



In cooperation with the Helsinki Rescue Association, the Civil Defence Association of Helsinki organises for its members a diverse range of self preparedness training, covering topics such as: everyday safety, first aid courses, civil defence shelter caretaker courses, a safety course for upper secondary school students, a safety course for civilians, a humanitarian rights course, the basics of rescue services, and specialist courses in search and rescue dog operations. Through the Association's subdivision, Helsinki Search and Rescue Dog Operations, you can partake in rescue dog operations in the Helsinki area.



Contact information

Opening hours: September–May Saturdays 10am–2pm, at other times by agreement. Free entry.

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On our website you can find out more about the Civil Defence Association of Helsinki and the Museum's operations.
www.hvssy.fi/eng

Helsinki City Rescue Department, **Tel.** +358 (0)9 310 1651 (switchboard)



Visit the Fire Museum too

At the Helsinki City Rescue Department's Fire Museum you can find out more about the history of safety in the city, fire and rescue operations, ambulances and emergency medical care.

Erottaja Rescue Station, Korkeavuorenkatu 26, stairwell C (internal courtyard)
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Opening hours September–May Wednesdays and Sundays 12 noon – 4pm.

