

ELECTRIC CHAIR

- Electric chair was invented by dentist Alfred P. Southwick.
- The first electric chair was manufactured in New York in 1888.
- The first executed was William Kemmler in 1890.
- Other well-known prisoners executed by electric chair is, for example, Ted Bundy.
- Even after the botched execution of William Kemmler in 1890, it was obvious that the electric chair could become a very inhumane method of execution
- The reason was that the USA was looking for a more humane method of execution than hanging.
- The invention of the electric chair was accompanied by a competitive struggle between Thomas Alva Edison and George Westinghouse in the late 19th century known as the War of the Currents.
- Formerly, executions were carried out in formal suits and their hair or beards were not trimmed in any way, which often resulted in the prisoner catching fire during the execution, the execution taking too long and the prisoner suffering inhumanely.

