

You are considered a child if you are under the age of 18



UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN IN FRANCE:

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS?

A graphic illustration of four hands reaching out from the bottom of the page towards the center. The hands are rendered in a light, semi-transparent style, with colors ranging from light green to light orange. They are arranged in a circle, symbolizing support and assistance.

SOME
USEFUL
ADVICE AND
CONTACTS TO
HELP YOU



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The role of professionals: police officers, lawyers, guardians, educators, judges, doctors etc **is to protect you**

Tell your story to these professionals so they can help you

You have the right to receive assistance for food, accommodation, school, health... and **everything is free** for children!

Do not hesitate to ask questions about things you do not understand or if you disagree

GOOD TO KNOW



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DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY HELP YOU:

www.infomie.net/spip.php?rubrique124



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CHILDHOOD IN DANGER

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(free call)

If you are not accompanied by your parents or a member of your family in France, the judge can appoint a **guardian** or an **ad hoc administrator** to support you during your processes and legal proceedings. They are reliable people who will act like a parent would. They are here to **help you having your rights respected**.



Depending on the situation, you will be appointed a **guardian** who will be with you until you turn 18, or an **ad hoc administrator** who will be there for a shorter period, for the duration of a procedure such as an **asylum request**.





Police
17
 or **112**
 (free call)

The police are here to help you if you are victim of violence or forced to do something you do not want and that is bad for you. It is important for you to know that you should not be punished for something you were forced to do, even if it is wrong or illegal.

If you are questioned by the police, **you have the right:** to be accompanied by a reliable adult, an association, a lawyer and to have access to a free interpreter. **Do not hesitate to claim any of these!**

↗ In France, it is often difficult to be recognized as an isolated foreign minor. When it happens, it is the **ASE (child welfare service)** who is responsible for your support for food, accommodation, school...

↗ At any moment, **you can be helped by associations** in order to be supported by the ASE and to benefit from free assistance.

↗ Within these structures, you could, for example: **meet** other children, **play** and having fun, **talk** to reliable adults, **see doctors** (psychologists, gynaecologists, dentists...) or **learn** French.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

You or one of your friends may be a victim of trafficking, without realizing it.

Have you been in a situation in which you had to:

- **have sex or perform sexual acts?**
- work (for example, in someone's house doing housework or childcare, a factory or a restaurant)?
- **beg, steal or commit crime?**
- **grow, carry or deal drugs?**
- **remove your organs to sell?**
- Repay a '**debt**' by working or providing some other service?

Have you/your family been threatened?

If you answer «yes» to one of these questions, your friend or yourself may be victim of trafficking. Talk to a professional you trust if you are concerned so they can help stop the abuse, and protect other young people.

**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IS
A SERIOUS CRIME
AND AN ABUSE OF
YOUR RIGHTS.**

**LIST OF THE
ASSOCIATIONS
MEMBERS OF THE
COLLECTIVE "TOGETHER
AGAINST TRAFFICKING
IN HUMAN BEINGS":**

<http://contrelatraite.org/>



IN FRANCE, YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM FREE LEGAL ADVICE THANKS TO A LAWYER OR ASSOCIATIONS.



Several cities in France offer **committee room of lawyers for minors**.

There are also access **points to law** and **law and justice houses** throughout France: www.annuaire.justice.gouv.fr

AGE ASSESSMENT

If you do not have documents to prove your age or if some adults have doubts about your documents, they may want to check your age:

By checking your documents

By organizing an interview with a professional (questions about your school, your family environment etc)

By doing a bone test (an X-ray or a dental exam)

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT A LAWYER!

Example :

in Paris

Palais de justice

10 bd du Palais

01.42.36.34.87

in Lyon

42 rue de Bonnel

04.72.60.60.00

ABOUT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

SO GET INFORMED!

You always have the right to accept or refuse to submit to the test. Nevertheless, it is more prudent that you get closer to reliable professionals so they can help make your choice regarding your situation.





Do not hesitate to ask professionals around you where you can receive free medical and psychological assistance.

➤ In France, **if you are under 18**, you can stay on the territory and benefit from child protection services **without any official documents** such as a passport or a birth certificate. Ask professionals for advice in order to obtain a residence permit (for example, if you want to work from 16 years old or if you are getting closer to majority).



➤ Finally, you should know that if you have risks of persecution in your country of origin, **you have the right to file an asylum request**. This is possible regardless of your age but you should do it as soon as possible. An ad hoc administrator or a guardian will be appointed to be with you during this process.

In France, schooling is free and mandatory until the age of 16. Sometimes, it can take a long time to find a place but you must not give up!



The CIMADE

is an association that helps foreigners. They are present in several cities in France.

www.lacimade.org/

The OFPRA
(Office français de protection des réfugiés et apatrides) will examine your asylum request after you tell your story to an officer.

www.ofpra.gouv.fr/

9h-15h
201 rue Carnot,
94136

Fontenay-sous-bois Cedex

01.58.68.10.10

You can also consult this document to know what is going to happen:

https://ofpra.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/atoms/files/ofpra_guide_de_lasile_mie_en_france.pdf





THE DEFENDER OF RIGHTS

He can be seized when the rights of a child are not respected.

He can be seized directly by a child, for free.

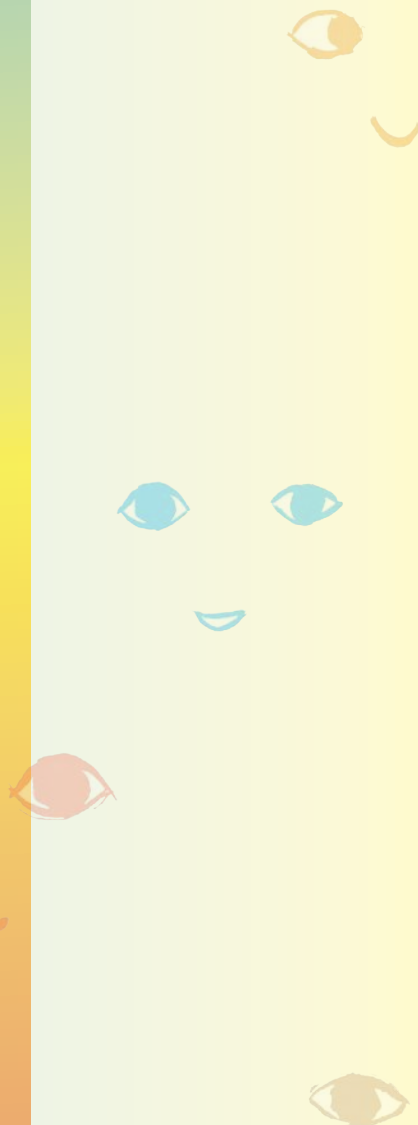
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(cost of a local call)

www.defenseurdesdroits.fr/fr/saisir-le-defenseur-des-droits

DIRECTORY OF COURTS FOR CHILDREN

because you can directly write to a judge for children so he can protect you:

www.annuaires.justice.gouv.fr/annuaires-12162/annuaire-des-points-dacces-au-droit-21772.html#cmq_path=liste&cmq_page=4







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