

WHO CAN YOU TALK TO ?



A lawyer

You (and your parents) have the right to a **free lawyer**

- They can explain your situation and help defend your (and your family's) rights
- You can tell them how you feel and if something is difficult for you
- They must think about what is best for you

The lawyer will try their best to help you (and your family), but there is no guarantee that it will work.

JRS Belgium

They are a **human rights organisation** and can

- be a listening ear,
- share helpful information about your procedure and your rights,
- and connect you with other services like your lawyer



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ICAM Coaches

They work for the Immigration Office.

They **support families in irregular stay** and guide and support them in the search for a long-term solution.

02/488 97 77 from 9 AM to 12 PM

icamsupport@ibz.fgov.be

You tried everything but it didn't work ? You are still looking for help ?

3 services help protect children's rights. They listen, investigate child rights complaints and mediate. It is **free and confidential**.

The federal Ombudsman

can help you if you have a complaint against a federal public service (visas, family reunification, etc.)

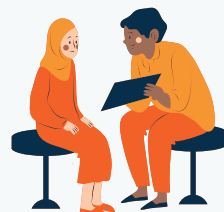
www.federalombudsman.be

The French Ombudsman (DGDE)

- +32 2 223 36 99 : from Monday to Friday, 9AM to 12.30PM and Wednesday from 1:30PM to 4:30PM
- dgde@cfwb.be

The Flemish Office of the Children's Rights Commissioner (KRC)

- 0800 20 808 (only if you call from a Belgian phone number) : from Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 12:30 PM Wednesday until 5PM
- kinderrechten@vlaamsparlement.be



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WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE

because you don't have the necessary documents to stay in Belgium ?



-18 You are under 18 years old, so you have special rights

Have you committed an offence ?


The content of this leaflet does not apply to you but you can talk to a lawyer to know your rights

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WHAT CAN THE POLICE DO ?

The police can

-  **check your ID or residence permit** if you are on the street or taking public transport
-  **search you and your belongings**
-  **arrest you** if you don't have the right documents to stay in Belgium

The police cannot

-  **use any force** unless you present a danger to someone else
-  **arrest you at school**
-  **enter your house**
 - without a mandate
 - between 9pm and 5am

except in some cases: when there are drugs in the house or if you are in danger

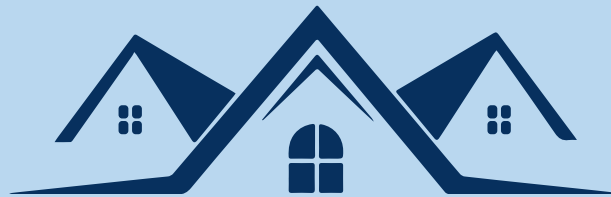
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE

in Belgium, **detention of children in closed centers is forbidden by law**



BUT

the Belgian authorities can oblige you and your family to stay in a **“family unit”** also named **“return house”**



**WHEREVER YOU STAY,
YOU STILL HAVE RIGHTS**

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS ?

The Belgian authorities must treat you with kindness and respect

You have the right to

- a free translator
- a free lawyer
- tell your story and be heard
- stay together with your family
- go to school
- see a doctor/a psychologist



The police didn't treat you well ?

You can tell your lawyer



You have the right to a **free translator** at the police station

