

I AM A MIGRANT and VICTIM of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHAT ARE
MY RIGHTS ?



YOU ARRIVED IN BELGIUM TO JOIN A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOU ARE FACING A SITUATION OF VIOLENCE AT HOME ?

WHAT DOES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MEAN ?

Domestic violence can be :

PHYSICAL
to hit



SEXUAL
to force you
to a sexual act



VERBAL
to insult, to threaten



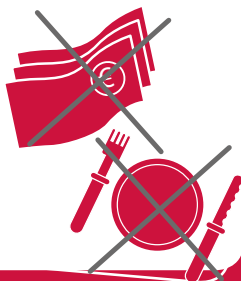
PSYCHOLOGICAL
to threaten, to lock you
up, to stop you from
studying or working



ADMINISTRATIVE
to blackmail you
with your papers



FINANCIAL
to leave you without
money or food



WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS ?



You have the right to **live without violence**. Domestic abuse against you or your family is punished by Belgian law.

You have **the right to talk to acquaintances** who can provide you **guidance and help** : your family, your doctor, the ER, the ONE, your children's school...



You also have the right to call an **emergency support and register a complaint at the police station**.

And even if your residence permit/card is based on marital status with your husband or partner, you have the right to **leave your home**.



BUT it is absolutely necessary to inform the Immigration Office that your decision is due to domestic abuse. If you don't inform this authority, you risk having your residence permit/card withdrawn.

Please keep record of all proof of violence or abuse: medical certificates, complaints, testimonies, e-mails, text messages, audio messages... In order to keep your residence rights, it is crucial to prove that domestic violence occurred in your family and you also need to fulfill certain administrative conditions.

WHO CAN HELP ME ?

You are not alone and many services are at your disposal :

101

112

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

call **the police** at 101
or **the emergency** at 112



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE OR POSSIBLE SHELTERS

please contact the **Centre de
prévention des violences conjugales
et familiales**
at **02/539.27.44**
or **info@cpvcf.org**



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE OR POSSIBLE SHELTERS

please contact the **CIRÉ** (Coordination
et initiatives pour réfugiés et étrangers)
at **02/629.77.10**
or **cire@cire.be**
or rue du Vivier 80 - 1050 Brussels
(9:00-12:30)

This flyer is also
available electronically
and in other
languages.

FOR MORE INFORMATION :

www.cire.be
www.cpvfcf.org
www.mrax.be
www.awsa.be



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