

Your rights in the asylum process



Information for children and young people

This leaflet gives information on:

- ✓ Where to get help
- ✓ What your rights are
- ✓ The asylum procedure in Switzerland
- ✓ What a hearing is
- ✓ Where you can request asylum

Get help

Emergency: **144**
Police: **117**



If you feel stressed or need help with a problem:

- Pro Juventute: 147
- Caregivers
- Teachers

My legal representative / advisor

Name:

Telephone number:

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Children's rights also apply to asylum procedures

You have the right to happiness and good health.



You have the right to be informed about everything that is important to you.



You have the right to say what you think and what you need.



You have the right to support and education.



Children's rights apply to all children and young people under the age of 18.

The Swiss state, the authorities, the police and all adults, children and young people must respect children's rights.

After your 18th birthday, you and all adults continue to enjoy human rights.

If your rights are not respected: That's wrong. **Talk to someone about it!**

Learn more about your rights

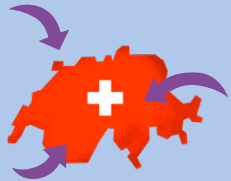


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How the asylum procedure works

Entry into Switzerland



1 Requesting asylum

- Oral or written request
- At a Federal Asylum Center (BAZ)
- At the Swiss border



Your legal representative/ advisor

- Informs you about the asylum application process
- Assists you in applying for asylum
- Prepares you for the hearing
- Supports you at the hearing

4 Decision

The SEM makes a decision about the asylum request.

Positive decision

You are granted asylum and can stay in Switzerland.

Negative decision

You have to leave Switzerland.

Temporary protection

If your country of origin is not safe, you can stay in Switzerland until the danger has passed.

Dublin procedure

The asylum procedure has to be carried out in another European country.

Appeal

If you do not agree with the decision, you can appeal to the Federal Administrative Court. Your legal representative/ advisor can assist you.



2 Preparatory phase

- Your personal data are recorded, fingerprints taken, etc.
- You have an initial interview
- Your free legal representative/ advisor is assigned

3 Hearing

The **hearing** is an interview with SEM staff. Your legal representative/ advisor is also present.

The **SEM** (State Secretariat for Migration) is the Swiss authority that decides on the asylum application.

At the **hearing**, your reasons for applying for asylum are discussed (why you needed to flee your country), and also your current situation and other matters.

What is said in the hearing is documented in a **protocol**.

Statements made by children and young people may not be used to assess the asylum applications of their parents.

Person conducting the hearing (SEM)

Interpreter

Legal representative/ Advisor



Me

Protocol writer

My hearing

Date & time:

Place:

Determination of age

Sometimes a medical exam is carried out to determine someone's age.