INFORMATION FOR EXILES

NO TO EXPLOITATION!

in all forms

CONTRE LA TRAITE DES ÊTRES HUMAINS

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Trafficking in human beings is a growing problem in most countries of the world. France is also concerned, and all social groups are affected.

Because they are generally in need and in search of protection, exiled persons are more likely to be exploited in the context of trafficking in human beings.

Here are some key tips on how to best protect yourself.

**THIS EXPLOITATION CAN TAKE MANY FORMS:**

- Sexual exploitation: prostitution, pornography, etc.
- Domestic slavery
- Begging
- Coercion to commit crimes and more
- Forced labour

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- **DO NOT GIVE YOUR PASSPORT TO ANYONE.** Take a photo or make a copy and send it to someone you trust or to your email address. This may help you if your document is lost or stolen.
- **IF YOU HAVE TO GET INTO AN UNKNOWN PERSON’S CAR,** take a photo of the number plate and send it to someone you trust. If the driver does not allow it, it is better to avoid getting into the car.
- **ALWAYS CARRY YOUR PHONE WITH YOU.** Memorise the phone number of someone you trust and agree on a password that you can use if you are in danger and cannot speak freely.
USE OFFICIAL HELP AND SUPPORT NETWORKS

ASK FOR THE NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS THAT OFFER HELP AND SUPPORT.
In France, support services are available to all free of charge. Do not pay anything for obvious intermediaries.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION, FAVOUR OFFERS THAT ARE SUPERVISED BY ASSOCIATIONS.
They will be able to handle the necessary steps to be taken for a dignified welcome: access to rights, health coverage, access to work, access to French language training, etc.

IF A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL HAS OFFERED YOU ACCOMMODATION IN A HOUSE, FLAT OR PRIVATE ROOM, ASK TO SEE THEIR IDENTITY CARD AND NOTE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS.
You have the right to be domiciled at this address and perhaps, depending on your situation, to receive social benefits, subject to conditions. Give this address to your friends and family. Remember that a person does not have the right to ask you for money, work, domestic services or sexual favours in exchange for this accommodation. It is normal to help with household chores in the homes of people who are hosting you for free, but if you find that the demands are too much or that you have to work without pay, ask for help.

IN FRANCE, YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE EMPLOYED UNDER A CONTRACT AND TO RECEIVE A SALARY.
Be especially careful if someone promises you a lot of money in a short space of time or offers you help (accommodation, etc.) in exchange for free work. If you are a minor, you have the right to go to school in France. For this, contact a child protection association or a social worker. If you are a minor, without parents in France, contact an association, the Aide sociale à l'Enfance or call 119.
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The network was created in 2007 by Secours Catholique–Caritas France and currently includes 28 French associations, directly or indirectly involved with the victims of exploitation and human trafficking in all its forms in France or in transit countries or in their home countries.


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**BOTH MEN AND WOMEN CAN BE PERPETRATORS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS.**

Do not blindly trust someone who offers you shelter on the internet or social networks. Contact a recognised association.

**IN FRANCE, WHILE BUYING SEX IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW, selling sex is not, but it is not considered as work and is very often exploited by pimps or criminal networks.**

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER PARENTS, CHILDREN, FRIENDS AND REFUGEES.**

**FIND AN ASSOCIATION THAT YOU CAN CONTACT IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE IN DIFFICULTY.**

A professional can ask for advice from Ac.Sé (secure shelter) which coordinates a shelter for victims of trafficking in human beings: +33 (0)4 92 15 10 51

**TO FIND THE CONTACTS OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS:**

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**IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN IMMEDIATE DANGER,** ask for help from the French authorities (112 or 17) or go to a police station to explain your situation.

Other useful numbers:

Violence against women 3919
Children in danger 119

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