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HAVE
RIGHTS

I am the victim of a procurer or a human trafficking network for the purpose of sexual exploitation, I am a victim of violence.

I can file a complaint

Amicale du Nid can help me with these steps, but I can also take them on my own.

WHO CAN FILE A COMPLAINT?

Anyone who is a victim of a procurer or a human trafficking network, or violence.

I can file a complaint even if I don't have legal status in France. As a victim, **the law protects me and I am entitled to legal rights**.

HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?

I want to file a complaint

- I collect **all the evidence** I have to support my complaint,
- I may report acts committed against me, either against a known person or "against X", if the perpetrator is unknown,
- I go to a **police station or gendarmerie near me** (I ask for and keep the complaint receipt and report),
- **Or I can write directly to the Public Prosecutor:** The letter should be sent to my nearest Public Prosecutor. This letter must precisely recount all the facts I am reporting, in detail. I can include any important information: address, telephone number, screenshots, photos, etc.



Note: I will need to contact the Court again for any further information about my complaint (by telephone, by post or in person with proof of identity).

If I am not yet sure whether I can file a complaint

- I have a **30-day reflection period** to decide whether I want to be admitted to the country as a victim of procuring or trafficking, and I will receive a receipt for a maximum of 30 days.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FILE A COMPLAINT?

Once a complaint has been filed

The police or gendarmerie carry out an investigation and the complaint is forwarded to the Public Prosecutor.

My complaint may give rise to...

- **A police investigation** (to identify the perpetrators, search for evidence and interview the perpetrators),
- This is followed by a further **investigation** ordered by the Public Prosecutor if there is sufficient evidence,
- Then to an **examination** (to investigate further),
- Once the investigation is complete, the people I have reported will be tried in court.

If the events took place too long ago, or if my statement has not made it possible to identify the perpetrators, **the case may be dropped**. If any new facts come to light, I may ask to make an **additional complaint** or file a new "**civil suit**" with the senior examining magistrate.

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If the complaint leads to an investigation, I have the right to file a **civil suit for damages**. This should be done with the help of an association and/or a lawyer.

FILING A CIVIL SUIT ALLOWS ME TO...

- Be informed of the progress of the proceedings (confrontation, hearing dates, detention of the accused, etc.),
- Be assisted by a lawyer free of charge through legal aid ([online application for legal aid \[online procedure\]](#) | Service-Public.fr),
- Access to the criminal case file via my lawyer (this file contains all the information from the investigation, including my complaint),
- Request further investigations and appeal if certain decisions go against my interests,
- Claim damages.

THIS ENTAILS ACCESS TO THE RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

If I have filed a complaint or given evidence, I can obtain a **residence permit** for a period of one year, as long as I have severed all links with the people I am accusing.

This residence permit gives me the right to financial assistance and to work. It will be renewed until the trial.



Note: the residence permit does not mention prostitution or human trafficking.

This applies even if I testify, without filing a complaint, in criminal proceedings against a person prosecuted for procuring and/or trafficking in human beings.

WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR MY RESIDENCE PERMIT AT MY LOCAL PREFECTURE?

- **Proof of address** dated within the last three months, i.e. a certificate of address issued by an association or any other document attesting to the place of accommodation,
- **Evidence of civil status with a photo**, e.g. passport, consular card, consular certificate (recent and in good condition with a photo),
- **Three recent 3.5 × 4.5 cm photographs** of the front side, bareheaded, and of a perfect likeness,
- **A document certifying that a complaint has been filed**, specifying that it involves trafficking in human beings or at least mentioning that the acts reported involve the procurement and/or the trafficking of human beings.

Once the application has been submitted and processed

The prefecture must issue me with a receipt valid for 4 months and authorising me to work. If the conditions are met, I'll be granted a residence permit.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TRIAL?

- **If the perpetrators are convicted and sentenced, I may be granted a 10-year residence permit,**
- If the perpetrators are not convicted: the prefecture will examine whether the right to residency can be maintained by studying my personal situation (either for reasons relating to private or family life, or for exceptional or humanitarian reasons).