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## Who can help you?

♥ THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE FACILITY WHO ARE THERE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:

### SOCIAL WORKERS

You can come to them if you need to resolve something, want to ask a question, or are not feeling well.

### LAWYERS

They will advise you on how to defend yourself if you disagree with detention, deportation or transfer to another country, or how to apply for asylum. They provide free advice and visit the detention once a week.

### PSYCHOLOGISTS


You can talk to them if something is bothering you or if you are sad. They will help you feel better.

### INTERPRETERS

They translate if you don't understand Czech. You should learn everything important in a language you understand.

### POLICE OFFICERS

They must treat you with respect and protect you. You can ask them anything or tell them if you feel unsafe.

 IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ONE OF THEM, TELL A SOCIAL WORKER OR ANOTHER ADULT. THEY WILL HELP YOU ARRANGE A MEETING.

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THE POLICE OR COURT  
WILL DECIDE IF YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY CAN BE  
RELEASED BEFORE THE  
**90-DAY LIMIT.**



## How can you defend yourself – how can a lawyer help?

If you **disagree** with being in detention  
→ you can file an **appeal** against the decision

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➤ **within 15 days** of receiving the decision on *detention* or its extension.  
→ The court must then decide *within 7 working days*.

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If you **disagree** with your **deportation** or **transfer to another country** (sometimes under the Dublin Regulation)  
→ you can file an **appeal** against the decision

➤ **within 10 days** of receiving the *deportation* decision,

➤ or **within 15 days** of receiving a *transfer* decision under the Dublin Regulation.

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## INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR CHILDREN IN DETENTION WITH THEIR FAMILY

What to expect,  
what can you do,  
and who will help  
you if you and  
your family are  
in a detention  
centre for  
foreigners?



**Because you are  
under 18, you have  
special rights.**

 **REMEMBER: DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP.**

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# Why are you in detention?

- A police officer or social worker will explain the reason to you.  
**Most often**, people are in detention because:
  - they arrived in the Czech Republic without a permit (visa) or passport, or
  - they lost their permit.This is why the police are now preparing their return to their home country or to another European Union country.

# What awaits you?

YOU CAN STAY HERE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 90 DAYS.



- After that, you and your family will either:
  - be released and allowed to stay in the Czech Republic (for example, if you are granted asylum),
  - be returned to your home country, or
  - be transferred to another country.

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# Important words

## ASYLUM

If it is dangerous in your country, you and your parents can apply to stay here (in the Czech Republic). This **permission** is called asylum. When you get it, you will no longer have to be in detention.

## DEPORTATION

The authorities may decide that you and your parents will **return** to your country or to another country.

## DUBLIN REGULATION

This European **rule** states that the first European country you arrive in will decide on your asylum application. This means that Czech authorities can return you there.



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# What are your rights?



## OFFICIALS AND POLICE OFFICERS:

- should **treat you well**. No one should hurt you.
- speak to you **in a language you understand**.
- **explain everything** to you and ask you what you think about it.
- they will tell you: why you are here, what your rights are, what rules you must follow, what will happen next and approximately when you will be able to leave.

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING AND YOUR PARENTS CAN'T EXPLAIN IT TO YOU, YOU CAN ASK BY YOURSELF.



IF SOMEONE TREATS YOU BADLY, TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST.

## IN THE DETENTION CENTRE:

- You will **stay with your family**.
- You can **make calls**. Your mobile phone must be handed in, but you can use a public phone or the internet. A social worker will explain how.
- You have the right to receive **visits**.
- You can **go to the doctor** if you get sick or feel unwell.
- You can **go to school**.
- You can **play** – there are toys, playgrounds, trips, and activity clubs.
- You can **consult a lawyer**.

## YOU WILL BE GIVEN:



**food and drinks**  
– 5 times a day  
(if you can't eat something, say so, they will give you something else)



**hygiene items (like soap, toothbrush, shampoo, sanitary pads...)**



**clothes and shoes**

**clean bedding**

IF SOMETHING IS BOTHERING YOU OR YOU MISS SOMETHING, WRITE IT DOWN AND PUT IT IN THE "TRUST BOX", OR TELL A SOCIAL WORKER OR THE POLICE.