

Children's right to a lawyer

If you are between 15 and 18 years old and have arrived without your parents and applied for protection, this information is for you.



What is a lawyer?

- A lawyer is an expert on law and will help you to get a fair consideration of your application for protection.
- Lawyers cannot tell other people what you talk about if you do not want them to.

How will you get a lawyer?

- If you know which lawyer you want, you must tell your representative, the police or someone working at the reception centre.
- If you do not know which lawyer you want, the UDI will find one for you.
- You will not pay for the lawyer.

The UDI decides whether you can stay in Norway.

If you appeal against what the UDI has decided, UNE will consider your appeal. UNE will make the final decision on whether you can stay in Norway.



What will the lawyer help you with?

When you have registered with the police

- The lawyer will talk to you about your case and about what will happen.



After the asylum interview with the UDI

- The lawyer will tell the UDI if there is anything you have forgotten to say or if you have said something wrong.



When you have received an answer from the UDI



If the UDI decides that you cannot stay in Norway

- The lawyer explains why the UDI thinks you need to go back.

If the UDI decides that you can stay in Norway

- The lawyer explains why you can stay in Norway and what will happen next.

If you do not agree with what the UDI has decided

- Your lawyer helps you to write an appeal and give information to the UDI about your case.



When you have received an answer from UNE

If UNE decides that you cannot stay in Norway

- The lawyer explains why UNE thinks you need to go back.
- The lawyer explains how you can get help to go back home.

If UNE decides that you can stay in Norway

- The lawyer explains why you can stay in Norway and what will happen next.



If there is anything you are unsure of, you can find more information at the websites www.UDI.no or www.NOAS.no.