

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Association Solidarité Femmes – Centre LAVI

Verein Frauenhaus / Women's
Solidarity Association – LAVI Centre
for Women Victims of Violence

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Centre LAVI

(Pour enfants et hommes)
Opferberatungsstelle für Kinder
und Männer / LAVI Centre for
Children, Men and Traffic Accident
Victims

Rue Hans-Fries 1, CP 29
1705 Fribourg
T. 026 305 15 80
lavi-ohg@fr.ch
www.fr.ch/sej > Aide aux victimes
d'infractions

Police / Polizei

T. 026 305 17 17
Emergency: 117

Service de l'enfance et de la jeunesse

Jugendamt / Cantonal Service
of Child and Youth Affairs
Boulevard de Pérolles 30, CP 29
1705 Fribourg
T. 026 305 15 30
sej-ja@fr.ch
www.fr.ch/sej

Service de l'état civil et des naturalisations

Amt für Zivilstandswesen und
Einbürgerungen / Cantonal Service
of Civil Affairs and Naturalisation
Boulevard de Pérolles 2, CP 471
1701 Fribourg
T. 026 305 14 17
etatcivil@fr.ch
www.fr.ch/secin

Bureau de l'intégration des migrant-e-s et de la prévention du racisme

Fachstelle für die Integration
der MigrantInnen und für
Rassismusprävention / Office
of Migrant Integration and
Prevention of Racism
Grand-Rue 26
1700 Fribourg
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integration@fr.ch
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STAAT FREIBURG

Direction de la sécurité et de la justice DSJ
Sicherheits- und Justizdirektion SJD



**«Marriage can only be conducted
with the full and free consent of the future spouses»**

Universal declaration of human rights. Article 16 (1948)

MARRIAGE IN SWITZERLAND

In Switzerland, the right to marriage guarantees that any person of legal age has the right to marry as well as the right to decide who he or she wishes to marry. Forced marriages are therefore forbidden.

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Article 107 of the Swiss civil code

A marriage conducted under threat or imminent danger to a person's life, health or honour or to someone close to them is a possible ground for annulment of the marriage.

Article 181 of the Swiss penal code

A person who by the use of violence against another person or who threatens them with serious injury, or who hinders by any means their freedom of action, or forces them to act against their will or prevents them from exercising their free will, shall be either fined or face a maximum three year prison sentence.

WHAT IS A FORCED MARRIAGE?

A marriage is considered to be forced when one of the future spouses does not have the possibility to refuse. The persons involved cannot defend themselves because they are forced into marriage by parents, parents-in-law, relatives or by the community. Social pressure can also be used as a threat, emotional blackmail or other treatment that humiliates and controls the victim.

An arranged marriage, if accepted by both parties does not infringe human rights.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS?

- A person who grew up in Switzerland and is threatened with marriage or has already been forced into marriage with a person of his or her community whether living in Switzerland or not.

- A person married by force in his or her country of origin to a person living in Switzerland.
- A person married by force before immigrating to Switzerland.
- A person who has fled a forced marriage and is seeking asylum in Switzerland.

IF A CASE ARISES

If the person is a minor

- The Cantonal Service of Child and Youth affairs must be contacted for more information and provide assistance and protection.

If the person is of legal age

- The person will be directed to the LAVI Center for more information, for assistance and possible registration of a complaint or request for shelter.
- Anyone who is being forced, abducted, confined or sexually abused must be put in touch with the police.



INFORMATION - PREVENTION

All people concerned, parents or professionals, can find information and advice from the following services.

LAVI Center

Listening, information, support, assistance, shelter in case of physical or psychological violence.

www.mariages-forces.ch / www.gegen-zwangsheirat.ch

For information throughout Switzerland.

Office for the Integration of Migrants and Prevention of Racism

Information, orientation, documentation.