

# You have a right to European consular and diplomatic protection



- Passport lost or stolen?
- Have you been a victim of violent crime?
- Have you had a serious accident?
- Have you been arrested or detained?
- Do you need to be repatriated?
- Do you need help urgently?

## BRINGING EUROPE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE

As a citizen of the European Union, you can expect the embassies and consulates of other EU countries to:

- › provide you with a laissez-passer
- › contact your family, your next of kin and the authorities in your country
- › protect you if you are in danger or difficulty, especially as a result of arrest, detention, an accident or serious illness
- › provide the help you need to be evacuated or repatriated.

To enjoy this protection:

- › you must be a citizen of an EU Member State
- › you must be in a country that is not a Member of the European Union
- › your country must have no consular or diplomatic representation in the country in question.



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