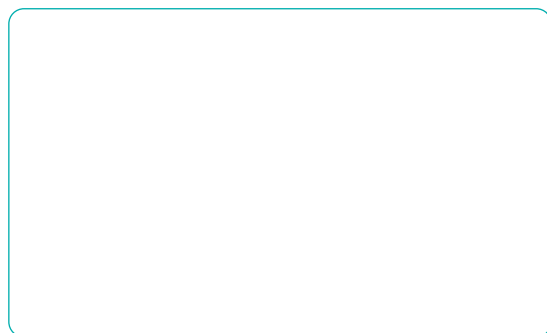
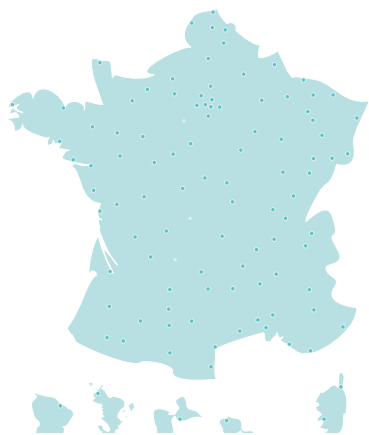


The information in this brochure is general in nature. For personalised information about your situation, we invite you to contact your CIDFF where you can be informed, assisted and referred to competent professionals

The information is confidential and free of charge.

There are **103 CIDFFs** (Information Centres for Women's and Families' Rights) in France and in some French Overseas Departments and Territories with many local offices.

There is certainly one near you: you can find the CIDFF contact details on the website **fncidff.info**



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Equality between Women and Men

Access to rights for **newcomer women**



In France, women and men are equal and have the same rights. In the event of non-compliance, penalties are prescribed by law.

Equal Rights for Women and Men in France

Family

- > Marriage is prohibited for both women and men under the age of 18. Women and men cannot be forced to marry.
- > Women and men are free to live together as a couple, whether married or unmarried, to divorce or to separate. Repudiation is prohibited.
- > Women and men make decisions about the family budget together and are both responsible for them.

Abuse

- > Abuse (physical, psychological, sexual and verbal) within the couple and the family is prohibited and condemned.
- > Forced sexual intercourse is rape even within the couple. It is a crime punishable by law.
- > Any abuse against women is prohibited and condemned.

Body/Health

- > Sexual mutilation of girls and women is prohibited.
- > Women can freely decide whether or not to have children.
- > Women can freely decide whether to take contraception or to resort to voluntary termination of pregnancy (abortion).

Education/Parenting

- > The mother and father have the same rights and obligations over their children.
- > Schooling is compulsory for both girls and boys from the age of 6 to the age of 16.
- > Girls have the right to the same education as boys.

Labour

- > Women and men have the right to work in all occupations under the same conditions and with the same wages.
- > Women can work without the permission of their husband, father or family member.
- > Women receive their own wages and can open a bank account in their own name.

Individual Freedom

- > Every person can practise the religion of his or her choice or have no religion.
- > Women can dress as they please. However, wearing the full veil is prohibited in public spaces.
- > Women can make choices and make decisions without the permission of their husband, father or family member (going out, opening a bank account, working, driving, etc.).