

Paperittomat -hanke

Who is an undocumented migrant?

An undocumented migrant is someone who is living in Finland without the legal right to do so. An undocumented migrant's residence is not officially known to, or permitted by the authorities. In addition to this, there are people in Finland who reside here legally, but who do not have access to health care and social services. They are in a similar situation as undocumented migrants.

Also undocumented migrants have rights

The Finnish constitution and binding human rights treaties guarantee certain fundamental and human rights to everyone residing in Finland. It is the state's responsibility to make sure that these rights are upheld and to ensure that nobody is subjected to inhuman or degrading treatment. For example, everyone residing in Finland has the right to urgent medical care. Children, in particular, should be cared for. All school-aged children residing in Finland have a right to basic education free of charge.

Project for Undocumented Migrants

The Project for Undocumented Migrants advises undocumented migrants and those who encounter them on the rights of undocumented migrants and on other related legal questions. The project gathers information about the position of undocumented migrants in Finland and promotes respect for the human rights of undocumented migrants. The project is funded by RAY, Finland's Slot Machine Association and co-ordinated by the Finnish Refugee Advice Centre. The project began in 2012.

Finnish Refugee Advice Centre

The Finnish Refugee Advice Centre is an independent legal office and non-governmental organisation that engages in advocacy work and which provides asylum seekers, refugees and other foreigners in Finland with legal advice and assistance.

For more information visit: www.pakolaisneuvonta.fi

Legal advice for undocumented migrants and people who encounter them

The Finnish Refugee Advice Centre is a non-governmental organisation. Advice is always given confidentially and can even be given anonymously if requested. The Finnish Refugee Advice Centre is not a representative of the authorities and does not disclose information to the police or other authorities. Our advice is meant for undocumented migrants but also for people who are in an ambiguous situation regarding their residence permits and for those at risk of becoming undocumented migrants.

Telephone consultations: +358 (0)45 237 7104
We are on call between 3p.m. and 4p.m. on Mondays

Email consultations: paperittomat@pakolaisneuvonta.fi

Face-to-Face: Our lawyer is present at the Global Clinic during its opening hours. The Global Clinic is a health clinic staffed by volunteer doctors, located at a secret address. You can also drop by without an appointment.

Our lawyer gives advice in Finnish and in English. The use of interpreter is possible and determined on a case-by-case basis. Our lawyer does not take individual cases to court and does not prepare documents. Our advice is provided free of charge.

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