

Children's right to a lawyer

If you have arrived with 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 your family to get a fair consideration of their application for protection.
- Lawyers cannot tell other people what you talk about if you do not want them to.

When and how will your family get a lawyer?

- You will get a lawyer if the UDI decides that you have to go back.
- You will not pay for the lawyer.
- Your parents can choose a lawyer they know about or the UDI can help them to get one.
- Children are sometimes given their own lawyer. It is the UDI or UNE that decide this.

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 your family with?

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 you have had an interview with the UDI, the lawyer explains what the UDI thinks is best for you.

If the UDI decides that you can stay in Norway

- You will receive a letter from the UDI saying that you can stay in Norway. You will not get a lawyer then.

If your parents 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.
- The lawyer will tell the UDI how you are doing and how things will be for you if you go back.

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.
- If you have had an interview with UNE, the lawyer will explain what UNE thinks is best for you.
- The lawyer will explain 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.