You arrived in Belgium to join a member of your family and you are facing a situation of violence at home? I am a migrant and victim of domestic violence.

What are my rights?
Domestic violence can be:

- **Physical**: to hit
- **Sexual**: to force you to a sexual act
- **Verbal**: to insult, to threaten
- **Psychological**: to threaten, to lock you up, to stop you from studying or working
- **Administrative**: to blackmail you with your papers
- **Financial**: to leave you without money or food

What does domestic violence mean?
BUT it is absolutely necessary to inform the Immigration Office that your decision is due to domestic abuse. If you don’t inform this authority, you risk having your residence permit/card withdrawn.

And even if your residence permit/card is based on marital status with your husband or partner, you have the right to leave your home.

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You also have the right to call an emergency support and register a complaint at the police station.

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You have the right to live without violence. Domestic abuse against you or your family is punished by Belgian law.

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Please keep record of all proof of violence or abuse: medical certificates, complaints, testimonies, e-mails, text messages, audio messages... In order to keep your residence rights, it is crucial to prove that domestic violence occurred in your family and you also need to fulfill certain administrative conditions.
This flyer is also available electronically and in other languages.

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www.cire.be
www.cpvcf.org
www.mrax.be
www.awsa.be

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You are not alone and many services are at your disposal:

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR POSSIBLE SHELTERS
please contact the Centre de prévention des violences conjugales et familiales at 02/539.27.44 or info@cpvcf.org

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please contact the CIRÉ (Coordination et initiatives pour réfugiés et étrangers) at 02/629.77.10 or cire@cire.be or rue du Vivier 80 - 1050 Brussels (9:00-12:30)

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