

**Are you afraid
to be married against
your own will?**

**You have the right
to choose with
whom to spend your life.
Don't keep
the problem to yourself!**

What is a forced marriage?

It is called forced marriage as soon as the bride and/or groom do not have the possibility to object to the marriage. Important is how you feel about it.

Forced marriage violates human rights!

«A marriage can only be committed with the whole consent and free will of the future spouses». (General declaration of human rights of 1948, Art. 16, para. 2)

Forced marriage is against the law!

In Switzerland everyone has the right to decide who they get married to. Nobody can be forced into marriage, or you risk a prison sentence of up to 5 years and the marriage is annulled even if it was entered into abroad.

There are ways out!

There are always people who can support you, understand your situation and background properly.

Several consulting offices have experience with such difficult life situations. They can help you to find out how to take your own life into your hands and what could be your next steps.

**You have the right to make your own decisions.
Search for help in order to fulfill your dreams.**

In case of emergency



**Emergency call to the police
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**Women's centre Basel
(Frauenhaus Basel)
Phone 061 681 66 33**

(around the clock, for women aged 18 or over)

Consulting services

www.zwangsheirat.ch

Contact per mail or phone. The intercultural consulting team <zwangsheirat.ch> works under professional discretion. The service is free of charge and is also possible beyond official working time so as on weekends.

Victim's aid

(Opferhilfe beider Basel)

Phone 061 205 09 10

Consulting through victim's aid is free of charge and anonymous if necessary. The experienced staff members work under professional discretion.

JuAr Youth counselling service

(JuAr Jugendberatung)

Phone 061 683 08 / 882

Telephone consultation hours: Weds. 14:00 – 16:00

JuAr Jugendberatung offers young people and young adults support in dealing with age-specific issues and problems.

Consulting services

Information, consulting and aid in states of emergency for young women and men up to 18 years

- Specialist department for Child and Youth Protection Basel-Landschaft (Fachstelle Kindes- und Jugendschutz Basellandschaft) Phone 061 552 59 30
- Child and youth services Basel-Stadt (Kinder- und Jugenddienst Basel-Stadt) Phone 061 267 45 55

Services for Foreigners Baselland (Ausländerdienst Baselland ald)

Phone 061 827 99 10

For first informal talk you can confidentially contact the consulting services ald.

GGG Consulting for Foreigners (GGG Ausländerberatung in Baselstadt)

Phone 061 206 92 22

Talk to an experienced adviser, who is familiar with both cultures.

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