

France

The following procedures are specific to France and provide the current guidance as to how to report a crime as at May 2023.

<u>Contact</u>	
<p>Flag State Procedures i.e. you are on a France-flagged vessel &</p> <p>Port State Procedures i.e. you are in French waters/port</p>	
<p>Who to contact to report a sexual offence? E.g. rape.</p>	<p><u>Emergency Assistance</u></p> <p>For immediate response during <u>emergencies</u> or life-threatening situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sea Rescue: Canal 16 of the VHF or by phone 196 (near French coast) - European assistance: dial 112 - French police: dial 17 - European hotline assisting victims of crime: dial 116006 - French hotline assisting women victims of violence: dial 3919 <p>Please note that the French authorities may not be able to render immediate assistance if you are not within French waters or near a French Port.</p> <p><u>Reporting a Crime</u></p> <p>To provide crime-related information regarding sexual offences, sexual in a <u>non-emergency</u> situation (including to make a police report):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call the nearest police station or go to https://www.service-public.fr/cmi (instant messaging service dedicated to sexual violence) <p>Please note that a criminal complaint may be filed for acts of sexual and/or physical abuse or violence as well as threats to carry out a serious criminal offence, insults, harassment or discrimination. These behaviours are prohibited and sanctioned under the French Criminal Code. Protective orders (i.e. restraining and non-molestation orders) may also be requested and granted by the Public prosecutor under certain conditions.</p> <p>The 3919 and 116006 hotlines (for example) may provide preliminary advice on this.</p>
<p>In what circumstances can I contact the police?</p>	<p>A police report can be made if you have been the victim or a witness of a criminal offence, including in the case of a sexual offence.</p> <p>Note that a police report can be made if someone:</p> <p>(a) threatens, abuses, or insults you with the intention to cause harassment, alarm, or distress, or</p>

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	<p>(b) threatens you with physical violence, or</p> <p>(c) commits act(s) of a sexual nature against you without your consent.</p> <p>Such act(s) may constitute criminal offences. Once a police report is made, the police may launch an investigation, arrest and/or prosecute the perpetrator.</p>
What information to provide to the police?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name and contact number • Nationality and address • Description of the crime or incident • Name of the vessel and present location • Form of immediate assistance required (if applicable) • Date and time of the crime • Name of the perpetrator and his/her whereabouts, if known

<u>Contacts</u>	
National Procedures i.e. you are a French resident	
What is my first point of contact?	<p>In the first instance, you should contact the police of the country you are currently in (or will be at the next port of call) as they are best placed to investigate the crime (see the table above if you are in French waters/ at a French port).</p> <p>Your national consulate also provides assistance and advice for what to do if a crime is committed abroad (i.e. you are outside France).</p>
Who to contact for consular assistance?	<p>If you are a French citizen and are presently outside France, you can contact the <i>Ministère des Affaires Étrangères</i> for consular assistance. Please find below the list of the French embassies and consulates across the world:</p> <p>https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/organisation-et-annuaire/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/article/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger</p>

<u>Organisations which provide medical examinations</u>	
Who to contact for a medical examination?	<p><u>In port:</u></p> <p>A forensic medical examination should be carried out as soon as possible after the events. The examination will usually be arranged by the police.</p> <p>If this is not suggested by the police officer, the victim should expressly ask for a medical examination upon filing a criminal complaint. The examination should be carried out at a specific service of a public hospital (Unité Médico-Judiciaire). To the extent the examination is not possible at a Unité Médico-Judiciaire, it may be carried out with another medical service provider.</p> <p>It is recommended to carry out a psychological examination a few days after the event.</p> <p>The SSGM (Service de santé des gens de mer) is a specific public health service for sea-workers: https://www.mer.gouv.fr/sante-securite-au-travail-et-aptitude-medicale-des-gens-de-mer. Appointments may be made online.</p>

	<p>At sea:</p> <p>The CCMM (Centre de Consultation Médicale et Maritime, or Maritime Medical Advisory Centre) is the French TMAS (Telemedical Maritime Assistance Service) and answers on a 24H basis to emergency medical issues at sea. For non-urgent medical consultations, the CCM can be reached during the week Monday - Friday from 08:00 to 18:00 and on Saturday from 08:00 to 13:00. The CCMM is a dedicated service at the university hospital of Toulouse, France. The connection can be established with the doctor of the CCMM via a coastal station (MRCC, CROSS in France) by the marine VHF, by the "BLU marine" or by the Inmarsat C station or FleetBroadband.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • via satellite or mobile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ at 32 or 38 on the INMARSAT network ○ at +33 5 34 39 33 33 • via the CROSS along the coasts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VHF channel 16 ○ GSM mobile, dial 196
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Specialised charitable organisations and agencies	
Who to contact if you require free legal advice?	<p>Dedicated offices (Bureaux d'Aide aux Victimes) exist within town halls and tribunals to provide legal assistance to victims free of charge.</p> <p>Trade Unions and NGOs may provide some legal assistance (see list below).</p> <p>For applicants meeting certain criteria, the French state may cover legal costs, including lawyer costs, in part or in whole. Please find below for more details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18074 - https://www.justice.fr/simulateurs/aide-juridictionnelle
Who to contact for counselling services?	<p>Hotlines for victims of crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 116006 victim support line (also European) and contact@france-victimes.fr - French hotline assisting women victims of violence: 3919 <p>French/European NGOs assisting victims of sexual violence or gender discrimination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collectif féministe contre le viol (Feminist collective against rape): (+33) 800 05 95 95; https://cfcv.asso.fr/ - AVFT (European association against violence against women in the workplace): (+33) 1 45 84 24 24; contact@avft.org; https://www.avft.org/ - Others: See a list of other associations for the prevention and fight against sexual violence here - https://arretonslesviolences.gouv.fr/associations-de-lutte-contre-les-violences-sexistes-et-sexuelles#les_associations_nationales0

Civil Claims

<p>Who to contact for potential civil claims involving gender discrimination?</p>	<p>The staff representatives, or the trade unions in France, may provide useful guidance in the event of offenses involving gender discrimination (e.g. Fédération des officiers de la marine marchande UGICT-CGT - +33 (0)235 25 04 81 - fedeffmamarugict.cgt@orange.fr).</p> <p>The Defender of Rights is a French public authority in charge of defending and facilitating the enjoyment of their rights by victims of discrimination. The Defender of Rights may be reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - by phone: (+33) 9 69 39 00) - online: https://formulaire.defenseurdesdroits.fr/code/afficher.php?ETAPE=accueil_2016 <p>AVFT (European association against violence against women in the workplace) can provide assistance and advice to female employees who encounter workplace discrimination or harassment: (+33) 1 45 84 24 24; contact@avft.org; https://www.avft.org/</p> <p>You can also make a civil claim and/or obtain a protection order against a harasser before the French courts. You can seek such remedies yourself, or engage a lawyer to act on your behalf (see section below on engaging a lawyer).</p>
<p>What information should be provided?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name and contact number • Description of the discrimination / harassment faced • Form of assistance required