
RIGHTS
→ **OF** ←
FOREIGNERS
→ **IN** ←
GEORGIA





Which rights do the foreigners have in Georgia?

- Foreigners living in Georgia have the rights and duties equal to the Georgian citizens, except the exceptional cases;
- Right to equality is guaranteed for every foreigner; Nobody could become the victim of discrimination regardless of race, color, language, sex, religion, ethnicity, nationality and etc.;
- Everyone has the right to education and to choose its type on the territory of Georgia.

How the rights of foreigners are protected in Georgia?

- In Georgia, the legislation prohibits any kind of discrimination, including in the educational field¹;
- According to the Georgian legislation, the violation of equality as well as the racial discrimination which is committed with the aim of ethnic or national hatred or split, humiliation of national honor and dignity, which has substantially breached his/her right, is a crime;
- Hate motivation is an aggravating circumstance for all the crimes envisaged by the Georgian legislation;

Who should the foreigner approach in case of violation of his/her rights?

For violation of different rights, foreigners could approach the different state institutions:

- **Police** – if there is a doubt that a crime (violence, physical abuse, racial discrimination and etc.) has been committed against you, you should press **112** to call the police;

¹ Discrimination means the unequal treatment of essentially equal persons or the equal treatment of essentially unequal persons due to any of the motives (e.g.: sex, race, color, political or other views, ethnic origin).

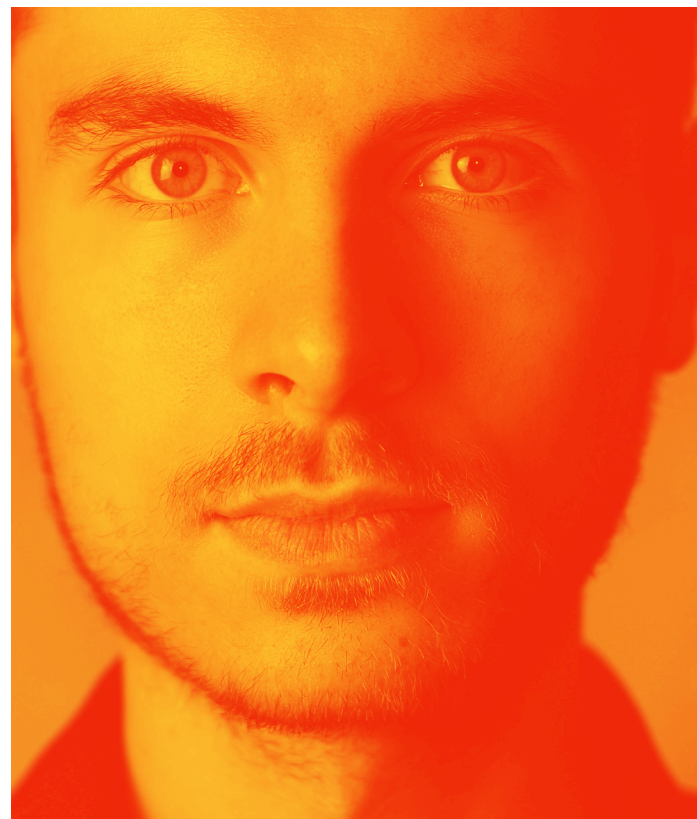


- **General Inspection** – if the police violated the law, did not react to the offense, did not fulfill their duties and etc., you should press **126** in order to call the General Inspection;
- **Court** – if the state institution illegally did not satisfy your request (e.g.: you were refused to get the residence permission) and there is no upper level institution where you could appeal the decision;
- **Public Defender of Georgia** – if you became a victim of discrimination or any of your fundamental rights are violated. After you submit the application, the Public Defender will study your case and issue recommendations; in order to contact him/her, you should press **1481** or **+995 598 08 30 06**;
- **Constitutional Court** – if you think that any of the provisions of the Georgian legislation violate your fundamental rights, you could apply to the constitutional court by the constitutional complaint and request the abolishment of the provision violating your rights;



When should a foreigner request the restoration of the violated rights and what are the deadlines?

- If you are a victim of a crime, you should immediately contact police or submit an application to the Prosecutor's Office with request to investigate the case;
- The general deadline for appealing the act issued by the administrative body is one month. For example, the refusal for residence permit should be appealed within one-month period. Although the legislation may envisage other deadlines as well, for example, the decision on refusing visa or crossing the border should be appealed within 10 days after receiving the information.
- Take into consideration that after the refusal of each application submitted to the administrative institution, the deadlines for appeal are renewed.





If you think that were illegally refused the following procedures:

- To cross the border;
- To get a visa;
- To get a residence permit
- Or have a doubt that you are a victim of discrimination

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