



## Protection from expulsion for medical reasons

In certain countries, there are legal mechanisms protecting seriously ill undocumented migrants (sometimes also asylum seekers) against expulsion. In most countries, these persons are granted specific residence permits (many times called “humanitarian” permits) but there also exists in some countries other types of legal mechanisms that make possible to temporarily stop deportation for medical reasons. The conditions and the rights attached to these permits greatly differ among countries although in most cases these permits are granted through administrative decisions which are in many cases rather discretionary.

**Code:** “X” means that there are legal provisions

	RESIDENCE PERMITS FOR MEDICAL (OR HUMANITARIAN) REASONS	OTHER LEGAL MECHANISMS TO AVOID EXPULSION OR REFUSAL-OF-ENTRY FOR MEDICAL REASONS
BELGIUM	X	
CYPRUS	X	
CZECH REPUBLIC	X	X
FRANCE	X	X
GERMANY	X	X
GREECE	X	
ITALY	X	
MALTA		X
THE NETHERLANDS	X	X
POLAND	X	
PORTUGAL	X	
ROMANIA		X
SLOVENIA		
SPAIN	X	X <sup>42</sup>
SWEDEN	X	
UNITED KINGDOM	X	

42. Only in case of risk during pregnancy.