

VIDAS SIN RASTRO

#VidasSinRastro

For the rights of the dead and missing persons at the
Southern Border and their families

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



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Introduction

This document aims to provide information on :

- What happens if a member of your family or a person that you know has migrated to Spain, and you think that they have disappeared, as you have no news from them.
- The rights of the families facing the possible disappearance of a loved one.
- The first steps you can take if you do not hear from your relative.

We always have the right to report a disappearance, and States have the obligation to investigate, search and find the whereabouts of the missing person.

As relatives of missing persons, you have the right to know what has happened and where your family member is. This is a right under International Law, which guarantees Human Rights, and which must be respected at all times, obliging States to activate the necessary mechanisms for the search, the investigation and the location of the missing person following the filing of a complaint.

Thus, families have the right to report the disappearance and to receive all information in a comprehensible manner, during the search process and until the whereabouts of the missing person are known. However, the reality shows that there is still a long way to go to guarantee your rights, and for all authorities in countries of origin, transit and destination to be truly involved in giving an adequate response to the disappearance of people on the move. It is important that, in this context of obstacles and barriers, you can count on the help and support you need, which must always be provided free of charge, to prevent anyone from taking advantage of this situation at such a difficult time.

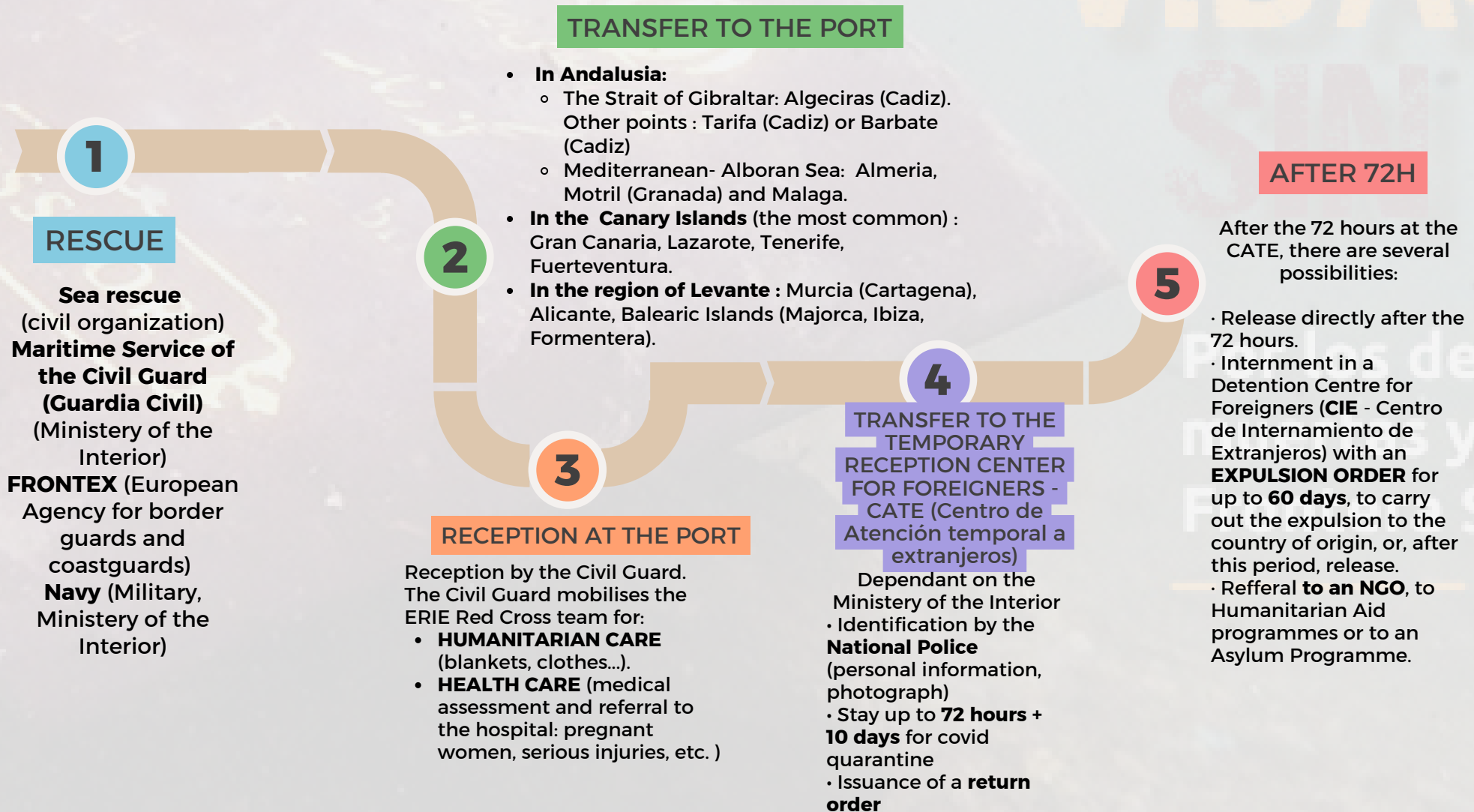
Furthermore, missing persons have the right not to lose their identity and to be sought and found by the authorities. In the case of their death, it is up to the institutions to guarantee their full identification and a dignified burial, in accordance with the beliefs and customs of the family, and in the place that the family chooses, as well as to guarantee the legal recognition of the death.

At APDHA, faced with the lack of real answers and in order to defend the rights of the missing and/or deceased persons and their relatives, we will inform the Spanish Ombudsman, responsible for helping you if your rights have been violated by the State, of every situation and every barrier you face, in order to obtain a change that will make possible the location, identification and guarantee of all the rights of the persons on the move and their families

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What happens to the persons who enter by sea through an unauthorised crossing point of the Spanish Southern Border?

Chronology



What can I do if I have no news of a relative's whereabouts?

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COLLECT INFORMATION

It is important to have a recent photograph and to collect the following data: first name(s) and surname(s), identity document or passport number, date and place of birth.

In addition, a physical description should be provided, including height, weight, distinguishing marks such as tattoos, scars, etc. Clothing and other objects at the time of disappearance.

It is also important to provide information about the place where the person was at the time of the last contact and, if possible, where the person was heading.

2

REPORT

Family members have the right to lodge a complaint to initiate procedures to search for and locate the missing person and this can be done at the police station or in court, but also at the consulate of the country where you believe the person has disappeared, providing as much information as possible.



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CONTACT

It is important to keep in mind that in these moments you can find yourself with a lot of misinformation and false information, it is important to check the information and not give any money to anyone.

There are organisations that can support and inform you in a clear and free way.



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APDHA

In our organisation, we are working to demand that institutions make the necessary changes to eliminate the barriers faced by family members in the search and identification procedures for missing persons.

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NATIONAL POLICE

You have the right to file a complaint to start the procedures of search and location of the missing person, you can do it with the police, the Civil Guard or in court. If you are in another country, you can do so with the police, the Spanish embassy or consulates.

If you are in Spain in an irregular administrative situation, you must file the complaint in court.

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Remember to collect all possible information. The more data that can be provided the better.

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