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# Theft of the residence card of a European or a member of his family

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Your residence card *EU/EEA/Swiss citizen or family member of a Union/EEA/Swiss citizen* was it stolen? If you are European However, the procedures are optional. If you are a non-European family member, the procedures are mandatory. In any case, you are advised to make a flight declaration. We provide an update on the regulations.

## European

### How to make a declaration of theft of residence card? ^

The approach is different depending on whether the theft took place in France or abroad.

#### The theft of the residence permit took place in France

You must file your theft report at the police station or gendarmerie of the place where the offense occurred.

A receipt is given.

#### The theft of the residence card took place abroad

You must make your theft declaration to the local police authorities and the nearest consulate.

A receipt is given.

#### Who shall I contact

##### French Embassy or Consulate Abroad [↗](#)

(<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaires-et-adresses-du-ministere-de-l-europe-et-des-affaires-etrangeres-meae/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/>)

### How to apply for a duplicate residence card in case of theft? ^

You must make your request on the internet:

Apply online for a residence permit, a change of situation, a travel document, an application for ANEF naturalization (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R59398>)

### What documents must be provided to request a duplicate residence card in case of theft? ^

You must provide the following:

- Flight Declaration Receipt
- Passport valid
- Photocopy of your stolen card (if you have one)
- Indication concerning your home (provided by any means)
- e-photo (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>) : enter the e-photo code (provided by the photographer or the authorized booth on the photo board). If you don't have an e-photo yet, you can locate a digital photo and

signature service (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R62705?lang=en>) .

## What is the cost of requesting a duplicate residence card in case of theft? ^

Issuance of the duplicate is **free of charge**.

## Non-European family member

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#### Reminder

If you are of legal age, non-European and a family member of a European, you **must** hold a residence card.

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## Statute and miscellaneous references ^

Code on the Entry and Residence of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles L233-1 to L233-6  
([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042770980/?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042770980/?lang=en))

Right of residence

Code on the Entry and Residence of foreigners and the Right to Asylum: Articles R210-1 to R286-2  
([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800206/?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006070158/LEGISCTA000042800206/?lang=en))

Provisions applicable to EU citizens and their family members

Circular of 10 September 2010 on the right of residence of European and Swiss citizens and their family members (PDF - 1.3 MB)  
(<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/download/pdf/circ?id=32884?lang=en>)

## FAQ

Which photo to provide for an identity document (passport, identity card...)?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F10619?lang=en>)

What should a foreigner do in case of theft of his residence card?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F22312?lang=en>)