Building a Safe Future

A practical guide to legality and rules in Italy.



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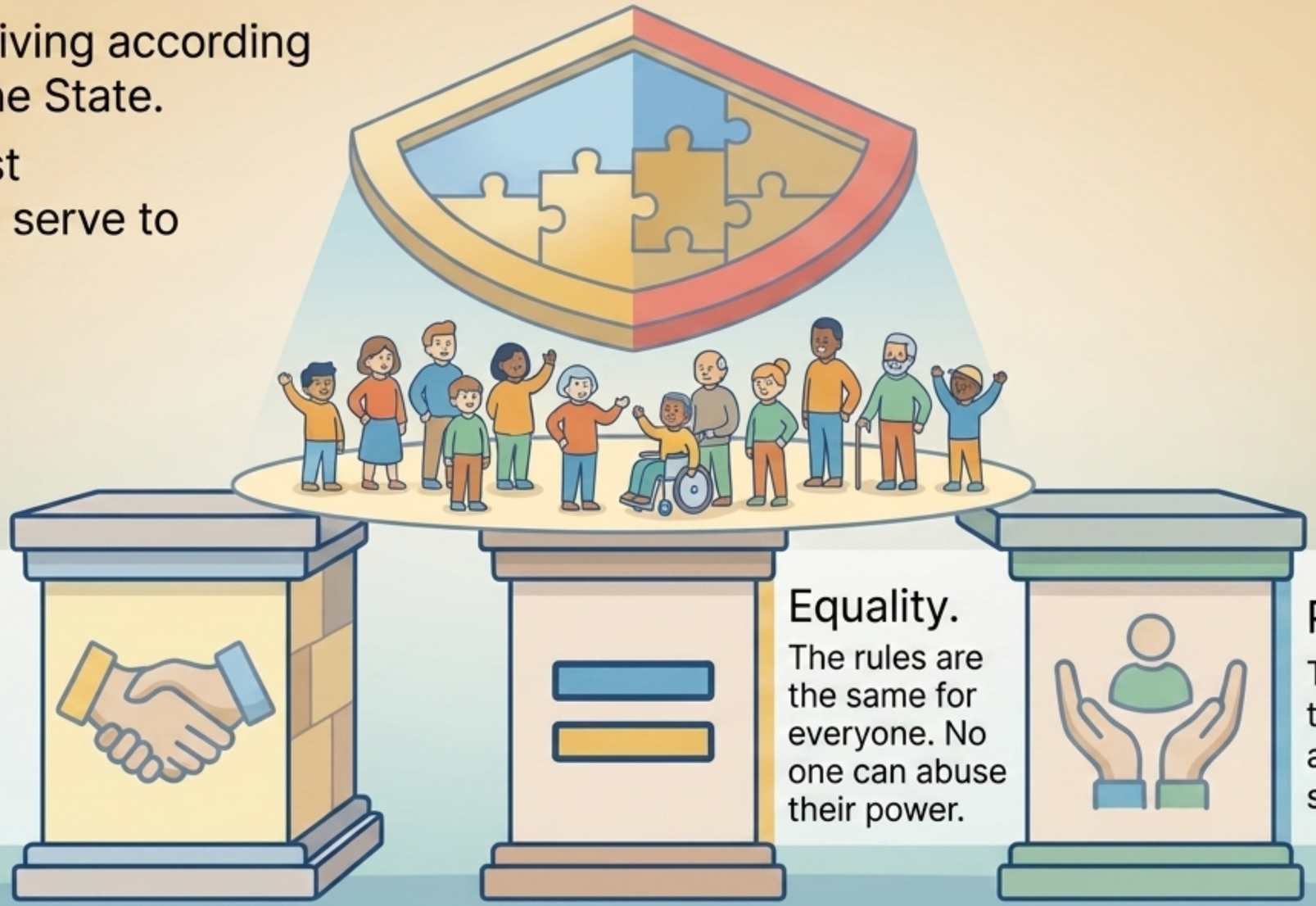
What is Legality?

Legality means living according to the rules of the State.

Rules are not just prohibitions, but serve to protect all of us.



Respect.

Respecting other people and society.

Equality.

The rules are the same for everyone. No one can abuse their power.

Protection.

The law defends the weakest people and guarantees safe spaces.

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Laws and Your Beliefs



STATE LAWS.

They apply to everyone.
They guarantee equality and security.

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL RULES.

These are personal choices.
They are free, but they cannot go against the law.

State laws protect your right to have different ideas and religions.
To live together, State Law is the main rule.

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Crimes and Your Future



What is a Crime?

A “Crime” is an action against the law (examples: stealing, violence, dealing drugs, working illegally/caporalato).



The Consequences.

Committing a crime is a massive obstacle for your life in Italy.

ATTENTION: Even if you are a minor, committing a crime can block or make it very difficult to get your Residence Permit and stay in Italy as an adult. Trials last for years.

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Justice for Minors





The Judge

Who decides if you committed a crime? The Judge. The judge listens to everyone, looks at the evidence, and applies the law.

Special Rules for Youth

If you are a minor, the law in Italy has special rules for you. The judge doesn't just look at the mistake, but looks at your age.

The goal of the law for minors is growth, recovery, and change.

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Who Protects You? (Law Enforcement)



State Police (Polizia di Stato): General security, crimes, and residence permits.

Carabinieri: Territory control and crime prevention.

Local Police (Polizia Locale): City security, traffic, and Municipality rules.

Finance Guard (Guardia di Finanza): Checks money, taxes, scams, and illegal work.

Fire Brigade (Vigili del Fuoco): Emergencies, fires, rescuing people.

Penitentiary Police (Polizia Penitenziaria): Security inside prisons.

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Emergencies? Call 112

A single free number for every emergency (Police, Ambulance, Firefighters).



1.
Stay calm.

2.
Explain what happened simply.

3.
Say where you are (street, city, or landmarks).

4.
Answer the operator's questions without hanging up.

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What to do if the Police stop you?



1. Stay calm and be respectful.
(Don't run away, don't insult).



2. Show your documents. (Answer clearly. If you don't understand, ask them to repeat).



3. Say where you live. (Explain that you live in a reception center/community and show the address).



4. Ask to call the educators. (Give your community's phone number).





WARNING!
DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING.

If you are a minor, you must not sign documents alone. Wait for an adult or an educator. Ask to bring the paper to your community.

Plainclothes police (in normal clothes) must always show you their photo badge.

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Documents and Checks



Documents:

- A photocopy of your Residence Permit is useful, but does not replace the original.
- If you lost the document, always carry the police report of the loss.
- The “Hospitality Document” helps the Police understand that you live in a community.



Going to the Station:

- If you don’t have any documents with you, the Police can take you to their offices (Station) to figure out who you are.
- It is NOT a crime. It is a normal check.
- The Police will call your community. The check must only last the necessary time.

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Your Future in Italy



Respect generates trust.
Responsibility generates opportunity.
Awareness generates freedom.

No one can change their past, but you can decide how to live the present. Respecting the rules does not mean giving up who you are. It means building a safe future and finally feeling at home.

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