

### **I am arrested. Can you release me?**

Consular officers in the Bulgarian diplomatic missions abroad are not allowed to influence any local authorities so that they release you from prison / detention.

What they can do is:

- Communicate with your friends or relatives, if you so wish;
- Offer a list of local attorneys who can take your defense;
- Inform the detention authorities about any medical issues that you may have and ask you to be provided with appropriate treatment or medical care, if necessary;
- Inform you about the specifics and conditions of prisons or other detention facilities or correctional services in the respective country, as well as the specifics of local legislation.