

# WHO CAN GET REFUGEE PROTECTION IN CANADA?

YOU NEED TO SHOW THAT YOU CANNOT RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY (OR OF HABITUAL RESIDENCE) BECAUSE YOU FEAR PERSECUTION FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

## 1. RACE OR NATIONALITY



Examples:  
ethnic and  
language groups

## 2. RELIGION



Examples:  
religious minorities,  
religious converts

## 3. MEMBER OF A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP



Examples:  
sexual orientation,  
gender identity,  
gender-based  
violence, family

## 4. POLITICAL OPINION



Examples:  
journalists/bloggers,  
human rights  
activists, real or  
perceived government  
opponents

OR IF YOU FEAR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

## 1. RISK TO YOUR LIFE / CRUEL AND INHUMAN TREATMENT



Personal risk (for  
example victims of  
crime and revenge)  
that is not faced by  
the general  
population

## 2. RISK OF TORTURE



Severe mental or  
physical harm  
committed by the  
authorities (or under  
their orders/with their  
consent) to get  
information or for  
punishment