

**asylum**[ə'saɪləm] *n*

- убежище, приют; богадельня  
orphan asylum - сиротский приют  
asylum for the poor - богадельня
- (*pl мж. -la*) убежище, защита  
diplomatic asylum - дипломатическое убежище  
territorial asylum - территориальное убежище  
to grant (political) asylum - предоставлять (политическое) убежище
- редк.* психиатрическая больница

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**asylum** [asylum asylums] *BrE* [ə'saɪləm] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ə'saɪləm] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *noun*

- (*also formal political asylum*) **uncountable** protection that a government gives to people who have left their own country, usually because they were in danger for political reasons
  - **to seek/apply for/be granted asylum**
  - There was a nationwide debate on whether the asylum laws should be changed.
- countable** (*old use*) a hospital where people who were mentally ill could be cared for, often for a long time  
See also: ↑[political asylum](#)

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'place of refuge', especially for criminals): via Latin from Greek **asulon** 'refuge', from **asulos** 'inviolable', from **a-** 'without' + **sulon** 'right of seizure'. Current senses date from the 18th cent.

Example Bank:

- Over 400 people have been refused asylum.
- She fled the country, and is now seeking asylum in Sweden.
- Those fleeing from the war have the right to asylum.
- bogus/genuine asylum seekers
- She was granted political asylum by Canada in 2003.
- They applied for asylum after being tortured in their own country.

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- [**uncountable**] protection given to someone by a government because they have escaped from fighting or political trouble in their own country  
**apply for/seek/be granted asylum**  
He has been granted asylum in France. ⇒ ↑[political asylum](#)
- [**countable**] *old use* a ↑[mental hospital](#)

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