

WHAT DO WE DO?

We **protect** all children who are threatened, harassed, or abused and who come to us.

We help children **regain their confidence**.

We accompany children to give them **support**.

We organize **accompaniment** to and from school for any child who has been harassed.

We **collaborate** with any organization that fights against child abuse.

We offer **prevention information**, wherever we are accepted.

If necessary, we organize **surveillance rounds** around the homes of the children in our care.



Templiers - Post Tenebras Lux

is the official representation in Switzerland of the association

Templars Against Child Abuse T.A.C.A.®

This association, founded in Denmark in 2010, has expanded its movement in more than 20 countries.



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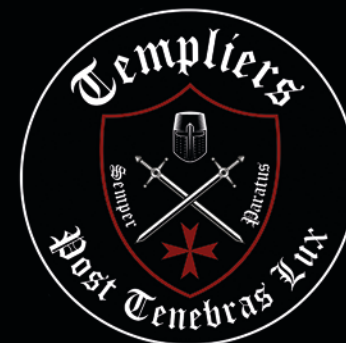
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Who are we ?

TEMPLIERS – Post Tenebras Lux is a non-profit association of motorcyclists with the mission of protecting abused and mistreated children.

Our association gathers people who share a passion for motorcycles but also, and mainly, a will to mobilize to support children or teenagers who are victims of abuse of all kinds.

Our main objective is to give back confidence to children or teenagers who have been weakened by an abuse situation. We act by accompanying these children, by showing them that a group can be secure, stable, benevolent, and protective.

The visual and cultural ideas associated with biker circles is traditionally associated with physical force and intimidation. However, we want to show the children that strength is a value when it is quiet and protective, thus opening up other perspectives to the events they have experienced.

As part of our group, these young people feel protected, reassured, safe and experience a benevolent strength.

Our mission

Because abuse is cowardly, revolting, and unacceptable, it is particularly important to us to welcome these children into our organization in order to protect them.

We work in collaboration with local authorities and associations already in place for the protection of minors.

We do not tolerate the use of violence or force. However, we will use the necessary means to be a real obstacle with the sole purpose of protecting these children.

We want to send a clear and strong message to everyone involved or concerned about abused children: these children are part of our family! We will provide them with the support they need to preserve their dignity and enable them to regain their self-confidence and trust in others.

We will make sure that the abusers will never approach the children under our protection.

Children need protection

In Switzerland, every year, between 30,000 and 50,000 children are abused, whether it is physical, psychological or sexual violence, neglect or family violence that they witness*.

Whatever its nature, this violence leaves deep scars. An assault creates a trauma that will last a lifetime.

This is why children **need to be protected** from abuse in both the real and virtual worlds.

While in the real world violence and abuse are usually committed by people close to them, on internet forums and similar platforms children are particularly threatened by strangers who want to gain their trust.

Children who have been abused find it difficult to talk about it.

They often feel responsible for what happened to them.

Studies show that **very few children report being abused.**

In addition, children often have to confide in more than one person before they get help.

Many public and private organizations in Switzerland are working to improve this situation and to prevent sexual, physical or psychological violence.

However, in Switzerland, 1 out of every 7 children is exposed at least once to sexual violence with physical contact from an adult or an older child.

**Source: 2018 Optimus Study (initiated and funded by the UBS Optimus Foundation) to better understand the scope, scale and context of child abuse in Switzerland.*

How does it work?

After the first visit, the TEMPLIERS – Post Tenebras Lux association offers support that will last as long as the child deems necessary.

Two members will become reference persons for the child. They will stay in close contact with the child.

The TEMPLIERS – Post Tenebras Lux supports each child according to his or her specific needs, which may include: escorting, physical presence at home, visiting the child's school, therapy needs, etc.

