

WE have the right to be protected, listened to and respected



This is a simplified version of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention has been signed by 191 countries.

The Convention has 54 articles in total. Articles 43-54 are about how governments and international organisations should make sure children have access to their rights.

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Did you know? Save the Children's founder, Eglantyne Jebb, inspired the United Nations to create the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We Save the Children  **Will you?**

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

1. **Everyone under the age of 18 has ALL of these rights. You have the right to...**
2. Be treated fairly no matter who you are, where you are from, what language you speak, what you believe or where you live.
3. Have adults always do what is best for you.
4. Have all of these rights protected by your government.
5. Be given support and advice from your parents and family.
6. Life.
7. Have a name and a nationality.
8. An official identity.
9. Not be separated from your parent/s, unless it is for your own good.
10. Be reunited with your parent/s if they have to move to another country.
11. Not be taken out of your country illegally.
12. Have your own opinion, which is listened to and taken seriously.
13. Find out information and express what you think through speaking, writing and art, unless this denies other people their rights.
14. Think and believe whatever you want to and practice any religion, with guidance from your parents.
15. Be with friends and join or set up clubs, unless this denies other people their rights.
16. Have your privacy and family respected.
17. Get reliable information from newspapers, books, radio, television and the Internet, as long as it is not harmful to you.
18. Be brought up by your parents, if possible.
19. Be protected from being hurt or badly treated in any way.
20. Special protection and help if you can't live with your parents.
21. The best care possible if you are adopted or in foster care.
22. Special protection and help if you are a refugee.
23. Access to education and any support you may need if you have a disability.
24. The best health and medical care possible, and information to help you stay healthy.
25. Have your living situation checked regularly if you are looked after away from your family.
26. Help from the government if you are poor or in need.
27. A basic standard of living: food, clothing and a safe place to live.
28. An education.
29. An education that develops your personality and abilities,
30. Enjoy your own culture, religion and language, even if these are not the same as most people in your country.
31. Rest, play and relax.
32. Be protected from work that harms your health or education.
33. Be protected from dangerous drugs and their trade.
34. Be protected from sexual abuse.
35. Not be kidnapped or sold.
36. Be protected from being taken advantage of or exploited in any way.
37. Not to be punished in a cruel or hurtful way.
38. Protection and care in times of war. If you are under 15 you should never be forced to join an army.
39. Special help if you have been hurt, neglected or badly treated.
40. Be helped and treated fairly if you are accused of breaking the law.
41. Be protected by national or international laws which provide better rights than the ones in this list.
42. **ALL children and adults should know and learn about these rights.**