

# The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



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Everyone under the age of 18 has all of these rights.

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You should be treated fairly

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Adults should do what is best for you



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Governments should protect your rights

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Your family should help you grow and enjoy your rights

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You have the right to life

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You have the right to a name, nationality and to know your family

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You should have an official record of your name, nationality and family

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You can live with your family, unless it isn't safe

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You should be reunited with your parent(s) if you are in separate countries

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No one can illegally take you out of Australia

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Your opinion matters, and adults should seriously consider your views in decisions that impact you

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You can learn new things and express yourself creatively

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You can choose what you think and believe

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You can start or join groups, and socialise with others

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Your privacy, reputation and family should be respected

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You should have access to reliable news and information

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You should be raised by your family, or a guardian who cares about and protects you

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You should be protected from being hurt or badly treated



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You should receive special protection and help if you can't live with your parents

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You should receive the best care possible if you are adopted or in foster care

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You should receive special protection and help if you are a refugee or asylum seeker

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You should have respect, care and support in living with a disability

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You have the right to healthcare, healthy food, clean water and a clean environment

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If you can't live at home, you should have your living situation regularly checked and reviewed

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Governments should help you afford the things you need to keep safe and healthy

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You have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live

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You have the right to an education

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Your education should help you to thrive, enjoy your rights and understand your responsibilities

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You should be able to enjoy your own culture, religion and language, even if these are not the same as most people in your country

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You have the right to rest, play and relax

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You should be protected from work that exploits you, or harms your wellbeing and education

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You should be protected from anything to do with harmful drugs

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No one can sexually abuse or exploit you

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You cannot be kidnapped or sold

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No one can exploit you in any way



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You have the right to be treated fairly, even if you commit a crime

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You have the right to protection and care in times of war



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You have the right to special care to help you recover, if you have been harmed by war



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You should be helped and treated fairly if you are accused of breaking the law

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You should enjoy the protection of any Australian laws which provide better rights than the ones listed here

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You have the right to know your rights

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Governments, the United Nations and adults need to work together to protect your rights, and hold each other accountable for this