

# The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The first 42 articles of the UNCRC outline the rights that YOU are entitled to:

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## Definition of a Child

If you're under 18, you're considered a child and protected by these rights.



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## No Discrimination

Every child has the same rights, no matter who they are; where they're from; what they believe, think, or say; or what their abilities are.

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## Best Interests of the Child

Organisations working with children must always consider what's best for you in their decisions.

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## Implementing Rights

Governments must make sure your rights are protected.

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## Family Guidance

Your family should guide you as you grow up and help you learn to use your rights. And Governments should respect this.

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## Life, Survival, and Development

You have the right to be alive, grow up healthy and live life to the fullest.



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## Name and Nationality

You have the right to a name, a nationality, and to know and be cared for by your parents.

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## Identity

No one can take away your identity, such as your name or nationality or your family ties. And the Government must respect this.

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### Separation from Parents

You shouldn't be separated from your parents unless it's for your own wellbeing. If you are separated from your parents, you have the right to be in contact with them.

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### Family Reunification

If your family members are in different countries, you have the right to move between those countries and stay connected.



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### Protection from Kidnapping

Governments must stop children from being taken illegally across borders.

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### Respecting Children's Views

You have the right to share your opinions and for adults to listen to you especially when making decisions that affect you.

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### Freedom of Expression

You have the right to seek, share, and receive information and ideas of all kinds, as long as it isn't harmful to you.

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### Freedom of Thought, Conscience, & Religion

You can think and believe what you want, and practice your religious beliefs, as long as you are respectful of others. Your parents must help you.

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### Freedom of Association

You can join groups and organisations, and gather peacefully with other children and young people.

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### Privacy

You have the right to privacy and to be protected from unlawful interference.



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### Access to Information

You have the right to access reliable information from the media which must be presented in ways you can understand and does not harm you.

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### Parental Responsibilities

Parents or guardians are responsible for raising you and should act in your best interests. Governments should provide services to help them support you.

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### Protection from Violence

Governments must protect you from violence, abuse, and neglect by your parents or anyone else.

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### Alternative Care

If you can't live with your family, you have the right to be properly cared for by people who respect your identity and beliefs.



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### Adoption

If adopted, the process should be safe, legal, and in your best interests.

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### Refugee Children

Refugee children have the right to protection and assistance. They should have the same rights as a child born in the country they seek refuge.

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### Children with Disabilities

You have the right to special care and inclusion if you have a disability. You have the right to live independently and to the fullest.



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### Health and Health Services

You have the right to good healthcare, clean water, nutritious food and a sanitary environment, so you can be healthy.

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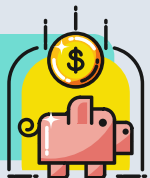
### Review of Care

If you're in care, it must be regularly reviewed to ensure it's meeting your needs.

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### Financial Support

You have the right to Government support if your family is struggling financially.



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### Standard of Living

You have the right to a good standard of living that meets all your needs, including food, clothing, and shelter. The Government must help your parents if they can't provide it for you.

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### Education

You have the right to free primary education and access to higher education.



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### Goals of Education

Education should help you develop your personality and talents and teach you to respect your parents, other people and their cultures.

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### Children of Minority Groups

If you belong to a minority group, you have the right to practice your culture, language, and religion.

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### Leisure and Play

You have the right to relax, play, and participate in leisure activities.



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### Child Labour

You must be protected from work that is harmful to your health or education.

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### Drug Protection

You must be protected from dangerous drugs.

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### Protection from Sexual Abuse

You must be protected from sexual exploitation and abuse.



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### Prevention of Child Trafficking

Governments must prevent the abduction and sale of children.

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### Protection from Harmful Activities

You must be protected from activities that could harm your development.



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### Protection from Detention

If detained, it must be a last resort and for the shortest time possible. Children must not be detained with adults and should maintain contact with their family.

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### Protection in Armed Conflicts

Children must be protected during wars, not forced to join armed groups or be allowed to join the army under 15.

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### Recovery from Trauma

If neglected or abused, you have the right to recover with proper care and support.



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### Juvenile Justice

If you break the law, you have the right to legal help. Prison sentences must only be for very serious offences.

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### Strongest Rights

If your country offers stronger rights than the UNCRC, those take priority.

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### Knowing Your Rights

You and your parents have the right to know about these rights and Governments have an obligation to tell you about them.

**Articles 43-54 focus on how governments and adults should collaborate to ensure that every child has access to these rights**

**Remember:  
Your voice matters,  
and so do your rights**

