

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

A summary of the Convention Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession
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Article 1:

The Convention covers anyone under the age of 18

Article 2:

All children have these rights, no matter what

Article 3:

Everything should be in your best interests

Article 4:

The Government HAS to uphold your rights

Article 5:

The rights of your parents/carers and family are respected

Article 6:

Your right to live

Article 7:

Your right to name and nationality

Article 8:

Your right to have your identity protected

Article 9:

Your right to be with your parents if this is best for you

Article 10:

Your right to leave a country to be with your parents/carers

Article 11:

Your right to protection from kidnap

Article 12:

Your right to express the views that you have and for your views to be listened to in anything that affects you

Article 13:

Your right to have information

Article 14:

Your right to choose your own religion

Article 15:

Your right to choose your own friends and hang out with them

Article 16:

Your right to have some privacy, such as opening your own letters

Article 17:

Your right to information through papers, TV etc.

Article 18:

Both parents have a responsibility for you

Article 19:

You should be protected from abuse and neglect

Article 20:

Your right to be cared for if your family is unable to care for you

Article 21:

Your right to be adopted if this is in your best interests

Article 22:

Your right to protection and care and should be upheld should you have to leave your own country

Article 23:

Your rights to care, education and training if you are disabled

Article 24:

Your rights to treatment if you are sick or poorly

Article 25:

If you live in care this needs to be the right care for you

Article 26:

You are entitled to social security

Article 27:

Your right to a decent standard of living

Article 28:

Your right to EDUCATION

Article 29:

Education you receive should help you develop and grow

Article 30:

Your right to follow your own religion, language and culture

Article 31:

Your right to LEISURE, PLAY and RECREATION

Article 32:

Your right not to work until you are legally old enough

Article 33:

Protection from all forms of DRUGS

Article 34, 35, 36, 37:

Your right to be protected from all forms of cruelty, exploitation and torture

Article 38, 39:

Protection from having to fight in wars and care if you are hurt in wars

Article 40:

Innocent until proven guilty! Your right to defend yourself and have help if you need it

Article 41:

Any other rights you have in law apply to you

The full text of the Convention together with additional information can be obtained on the Internet from the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights at:

<http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/k2crc.htm>