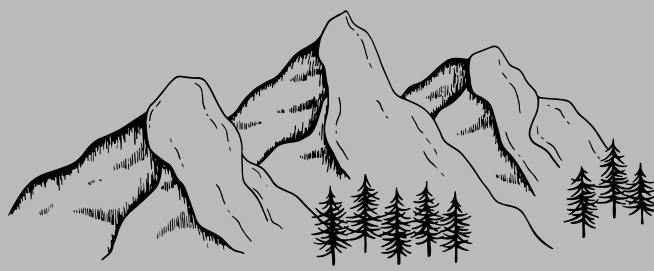


**ARTICLE 1:**  
Everyone under the age of 18 has all of the rights in the Convention.



**ARTICLE 2:**  
The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



**ARTICLE 3:**  
The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

**ARTICLE 12:**  
Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

**ARTICLE 4:**  
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

**ARTICLE 6:**  
Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



**ARTICLE 8:**  
Every child has the right to an identity.

**ARTICLE 9:**  
Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests (for example, if a parent is hurting or neglecting a child).



**ARTICLE 10:**  
Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country.

**ARTICLE 11:**  
Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives, or being prevented from returning home.

**ARTICLE 13:**  
Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information.

**ARTICLE 19:**  
Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

**ARTICLE 7:**  
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

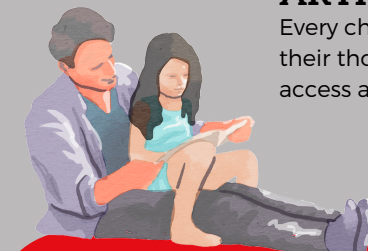
**ARTICLE 15:**  
Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

**ARTICLE 22:**  
If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention.



**ARTICLE 23:**  
A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

**ARTICLE 16:**  
Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.



**ARTICLE 17:**  
Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

**ARTICLE 20:**  
If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child is provided with alternative care that is continuous and respects the child's culture, language and religion.

**ARTICLE 24:**  
Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment, and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

**ARTICLE 18:**  
Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

**ARTICLE 21:**  
Governments must oversee the process of adoption to make sure it is safe, lawful and that it prioritises children's best interests.



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**ARTICLE 25:**  
If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example, with a foster family or in hospital), they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances.

**ARTICLE 26:**  
Every child has the right to benefit from social security. Governments must provide social security, including financial support and other benefits, to families in need of assistance.

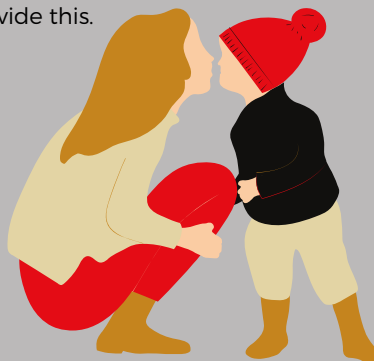
**ARTICLE 27:**  
Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

**ARTICLE 28:**  
Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights.



**ARTICLE 29:**  
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

**ARTICLE 30:**  
Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family.



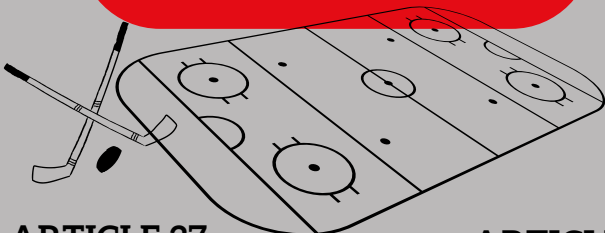
**ARTICLE 34:**  
Governments must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

**ARTICLE 33:**  
Governments must protect children from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.



**ARTICLE 35:**  
Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.

**ARTICLE 31:**  
Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



**ARTICLE 32:**  
Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.

**ARTICLE 36:**  
Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

**ARTICLE 37:**  
Children must not be tortured, sentenced to the death penalty or suffer other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment. Children should be arrested, detained or imprisoned only as a last resort and for the shortest time possible. They must be treated with respect and care, and be able to keep in contact with their family. Children must not be put in prison with adults.

**ARTICLE 38:**  
Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

**ARTICLE 41:**  
If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

**ARTICLE 40:**  
A child accused or guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect. They have the right to legal assistance and a fair trial that takes account of their age. Governments must set a minimum age for children to be tried in a criminal court and manage a justice system that enables children who have been in conflict with the law to reintegrate into society.

**ARTICLE 42:**  
Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.



**ARTICLE 39:**  
Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.



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**SURVIVAL**

**PRIVACY**

**BE SAFE FROM  
DISCRIMINATION**

**PROTECTION**

**BE SAFE FROM  
ABUSE & NEGLECT**

**BE SAFE FROM  
EXPLOITATION**

**HAVE A VIEW**

**BE HEARD**

**EXPRESS MYSELF**

**BELONG**

**PARTICIPATION**

**INFORMATION**

**BE INVOLVED IN  
DECISIONS MADE  
ABOUT ME**

**FOOD**

**HOUSING**

**PLAY & REST**

**EDUCATION**

**PROVISION**

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

**HEALTHCARE**

**CLEAN WATER**

**IDENTITY**

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