

PASSPORT To Your Rights



Dear Children,

This Passport was created in order to help you learn more about your rights. As a child under 18 years old, you have certain rights that adults and the government must help you exercise. These rights were established in 1989, as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

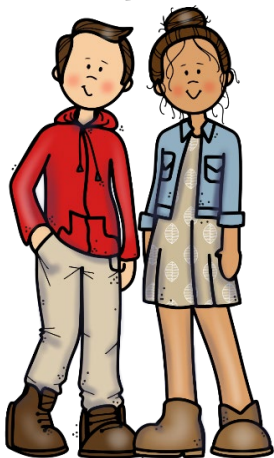
It is important to know your rights. This knowledge can help you become a responsible person and contribute in your own way to ensure them.

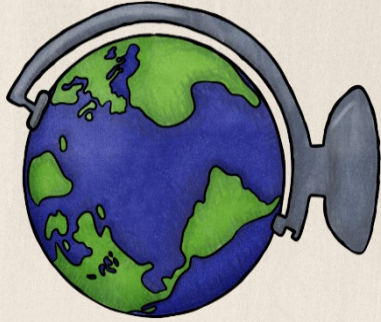
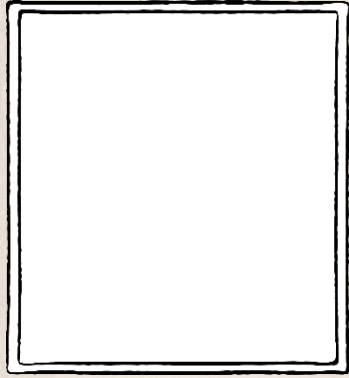
If you think that your rights are being violated you can speak to someone you trust. This can be your parents, your teachers, an adult, or even the police.

You can also call 1466, which is a special helpline run by Hope For Children, where you can speak to a person who will be able to advise you.

Remember, you are never alone.

**HFC Children's Rights
Ambassadors**





LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE

Article #1:

**Everyone under 18
has rights.**



Article #2:

**All children have rights,
no matter who they are, where
they live, where they are from,
or what their religion
or culture is.**



Article #3:

Adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.



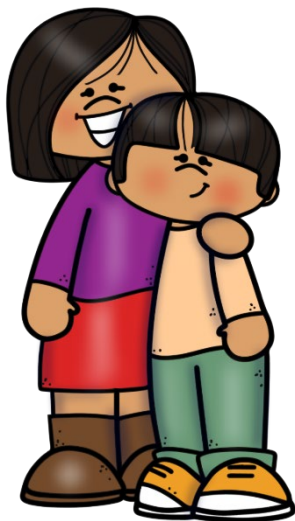
Article #4:

**The state has a responsibility
to make sure your rights
are protected.**



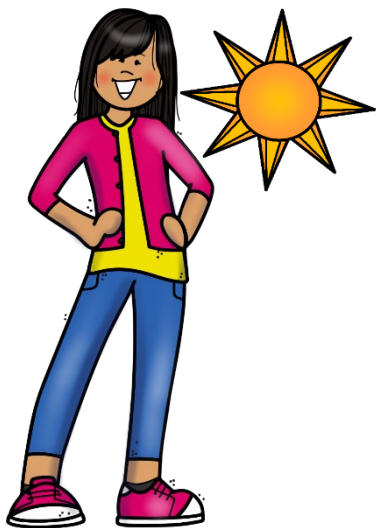
Article #5:

Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights and to ensure that your rights are protected.



Article #6:

**You have the right
to be alive.**



Article #7:

**You have the right to a name,
and this should be officially
recognized by the state.**



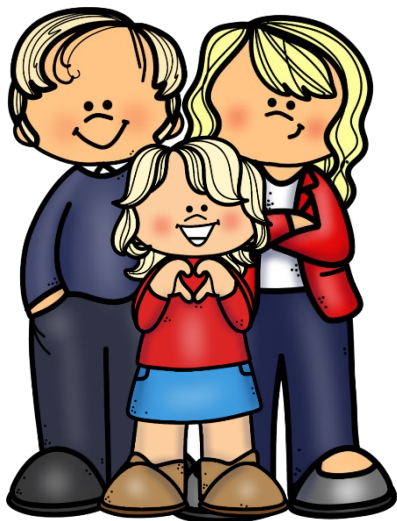
Article #8:

You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are.



Article #9:

**You have the right to live
with your parent(s),
unless it is bad for you.**



Article #10:

**If you live in a different country
than your parents do,
you have the right to ask
to be reunited with them.**



Article #11:

**You have the right
to be protected
from kidnapping.**



Article #12:

**You have the right
to give your opinion, and for
adults to listen and take
it seriously.**



Article #13:

**You have the right
to find out things and share
what you think with others
unless it harms someone.**



Article #14:

**You have the right to choose
your own religion and beliefs.**



Article #15:

**You have the right
to choose your
own friends.**



Article #16:

**You have the right
to privacy.**



Article #17:

**You have the right
to get information
about your rights.**



Article #18:

**You have the right
to be cared for by both your
parents if that is possible.**



Article #19:

**You have the right
to be protected from being
hurt and mistreated.**



Article #20:

**You have the right
to special care and help
if you cannot live with
your parents.**



Article #21:

**You have the right
to care and protection
if you are adopted or
in foster care.**



Article #22:

**You have the right
to special protection and
help if you are a refugee.**



Article #23:

**You have the right
to education and care that
meets your needs
if you have a disability.**



Article #24:

**You have the right
to the best health care possible,
safe water to drink, healthy food,
and a clean, safe environment.**



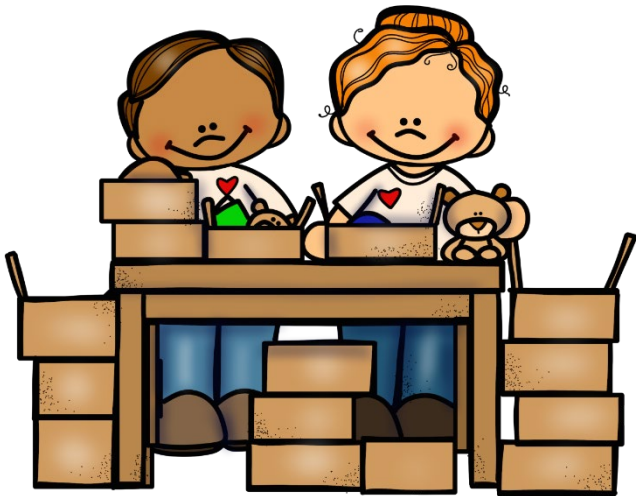
Article #25:

If you live in care or in other situations, away from home, you have the right to have these living arrangements looked at to see if they are appropriate.



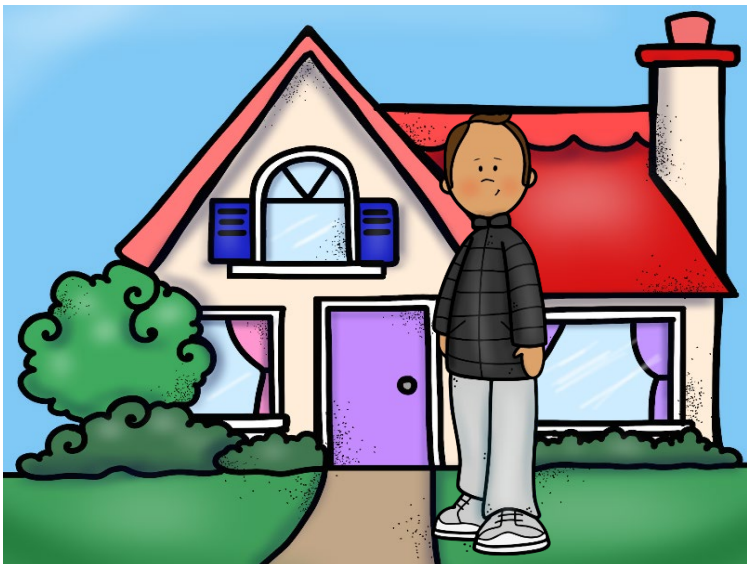
Article #26:

**You have the right
to receive help from the state
if your family does not
have enough money or is
in financial need.**



Article #27:

**You have the right to food,
clothing, a safe place
to live, and to have your
basic needs met.**



Article #28:

**You have the right
to a good quality
education.**



Article #29:

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



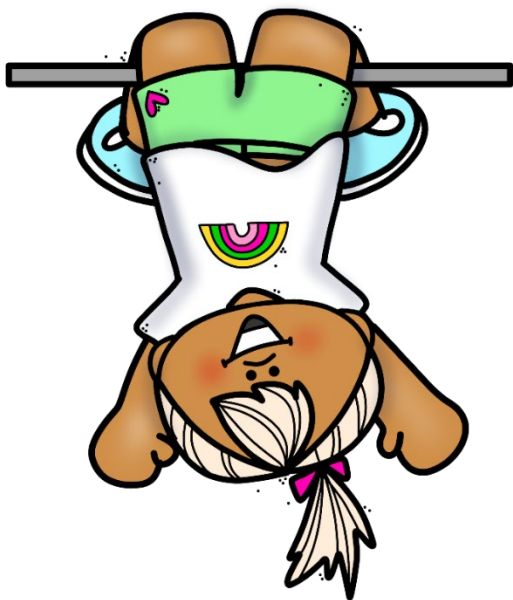
Article #30:

**You have the right
to practice your own culture,
language, and religion.**



Article #31:

**You have the right
to play and rest.**



Article #32:

**You have the right to
protection from work
that harms you.**



Article #33:

**You have the right to
protection from harmful
drugs and from
the drug trade.**



Article #34:

**You have the right to
be protected from
sexual abuse.**



Article #35:

**No one is allowed
to kidnap or sell you.**



Article #36:

**You have the right to
protection from any kind
of exploitation.**



Article #37:

**No one is allowed
to punish you in a cruel
or harmful way.**



Article #38:

**You have the right to
protection from war.
Children under 15 cannot be
forced to go into the army
or take part in war.**



Article #39:

**You have the right to help
if you've been hurt,
neglected, or
badly treated.**



Article #40:

**You have the right to
legal help and fair treatment
in the justice system
that respects your rights.**



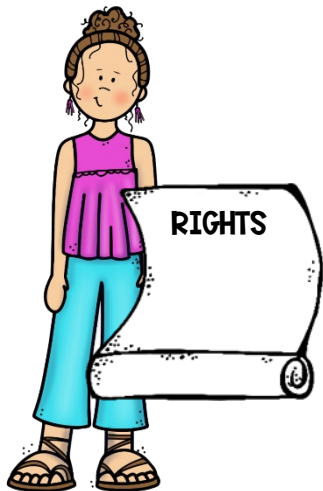
Article #41:

If the laws of your country provide better protection of your rights than the Articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.



Article #42:

**You have the right
to know your rights!
Adults should know about
these rights and help you
learn about them too.**



Hope for Children is a humanitarian organization dedicated to protecting and promoting children's rights.

The HFC, Children's Rights Ambassadors are a group of children who are dedicated to raising awareness, educating, and advocating for children's rights in their schools and communities.

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**Hope For Children
Helpline**

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 **1466**

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