

# The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



**#1**

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

**#2**

You should be treated fairly

**#3**

Adults should do what is best for you



**#4**

Governments should protect your rights

**#5**

Your family should help you grow and enjoy your rights

**#6**

You have the right to life

**#7**

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

**#8**

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

**#9**

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

**#10**

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

**#11**

No one can illegally take you out of Australia

**#12**

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

**#13**

You can learn new things and express yourself creatively

**#14**

You can choose what you think and believe

**#15**

You can start or join groups, and socialise with others

**#16**

Your privacy, reputation and family should be respected

**#17**

You should have access to reliable news and information

**#18**

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

**#19**

You should be protected from being hurt or badly treated

**#20**

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

**#21**

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

**#22**

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



**#23**

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

**#24**

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

**#25**

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

**#26**

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

**#27**

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

**#28**

You have the right to an education

**#29**

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

**#30**

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

**#31**

You have the right to rest, play and relax

**#32**

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

**#33**

You should be protected from anything to do with harmful drugs

**#34**

No one can sexually abuse or exploit you

**#35**

You cannot be kidnapped or sold

**#36**

No one can exploit you in any way



**#37**

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

**#38**

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



**#39**

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



**#40**

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

**#41**

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

**#42**

You have the right to know your rights

**#43-54**

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