

# The Articles in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

<b>Rights are universal and unconditional</b>	<p><b>Article 1:</b> All children have rights.</p> <p><b>Article 2:</b> CRC applies to everyone, whatever their race, religion, abilities or background.</p> <p><b>Article 4:</b> Governments must do everything possible to make sure all children can enjoy their rights.</p> <p><b>Article 22:</b> Children who are refugees have the same rights as all children.</p> <p><b>Article 42:</b> All children should know their rights. Adults should know about the CRC and help children to learn about their rights.</p>
<b>Family</b>	<p><b>Article 3:</b> Adults should do what's best for children.</p> <p><b>Article 5:</b> Parents/carers have the right and responsibility to direct and guide their children so they can enjoy their rights properly.</p> <p><b>Article 8:</b> Right to be cared for by their parents/family.</p> <p><b>Article 9:</b> Children must not be separated from their parents unless it's in their best interests. Where parents have separated, children have the right to stay in contact with both parents.</p> <p><b>Article 10:</b> Governments must help children and parents live together in the same country.</p> <p><b>Article 18:</b> Both parents are responsible for bringing up their children and governments must help them when needed.</p> <p><b>Article 21:</b> If a child is adopted, it must be in their best interests and they must be safe.</p>
<b>Identity</b>	<p><b>Article 7:</b> Right to a name and nationality.</p> <p><b>Article 11:</b> Children must not be taken out of their own country illegally or be prevented from returning.</p> <p><b>Article 14:</b> Right to practice their own religion.</p> <p><b>Article 20:</b> Children who can't be looked after by their family must be looked after by people who respect the child's religion, culture and language.</p> <p><b>Article 30:</b> Right to learn the language, customs and religion of their own family.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p><b>Article 12:</b> Right to give an opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously.</p> <p><b>Article 13:</b> Right to have access to information and share what you think with others, unless it harms or offends other people.</p> <p><b>Article 15:</b> Right to choose your own friends and set up or join other children in groups/clubs/organisations.</p> <p><b>Article 17:</b> Right to reliable information from the media. They should be protected from materials that could harm them.</p> <p><b>Article 28:</b> Right to a good quality education. Rich countries must help poor countries achieve this.</p> <p><b>Article 29:</b> Right to develop their talents and achieve all they can. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.</p>
<b>Standard of living</b>	<p><b>Article 6:</b> Right to life.</p> <p><b>Article 23:</b> Disabled children must be supported to live a full and decent life.</p> <p><b>Article 24:</b> Right to be healthy including medical care, safe water, nutritious food, health education and a clean and safe environment. Rich countries must help poor countries achieve this.</p> <p><b>Article 26:</b> Right to help from the government if you are in need.</p> <p><b>Article 27:</b> Right to a standard of living that meets their physical, social and emotional needs.</p> <p><b>Article 31:</b> Right to relax, play and take part in cultural and artistic activities.</p>
<b>Safety and protection</b>	<p><b>Article 16:</b> Right to privacy.</p> <p><b>Article 19:</b> Protection from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect or mistreatment.</p> <p><b>Article 25:</b> The treatment of children living away from home (e.g. in care, hospital or prison) should be checked regularly.</p> <p><b>Article 32:</b> Children must be protected from work that is dangerous or might harm their health or education.</p> <p><b>Article 33:</b> Children must be protected from the use of illegal drugs.</p> <p><b>Article 34:</b> Children must be protected from sexual abuse and exploitation.</p> <p><b>Article 35:</b> Children must not be abducted or sold.</p> <p><b>Article 36:</b> Children must be protected from all forms of bad treatment or exploitation.</p> <p><b>Article 38:</b> Children under the age of 15 must not take part in war or join the armed forces.</p> <p><b>Article 39:</b> Children have the right to help if they've been hurt, neglected, badly treated or affected by war.</p> <p><b>Article 37:</b> Children must not be punished in a cruel or harmful way. Children who break the law must not be put in prison with adults and must be able to keep in contact with their families.</p> <p><b>Article 40:</b> Right to a fair trial and help from a lawyer.</p>

**Article 41:** If a country's laws protect children better than these rights, then those laws should stay in place.

**Articles 43 to 54:** These articles are about how adults and governments should work together to make sure that all children get all their rights.