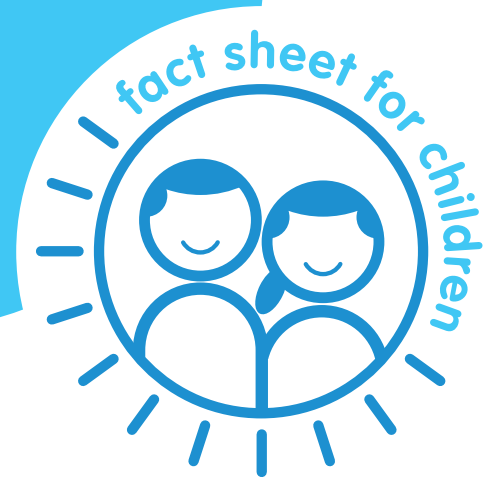


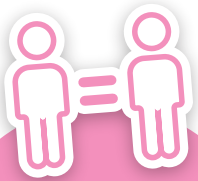
# Human Rights



## What are human rights?

Human rights are rights everyone should have so that we can all be treated in a way that is fair and respectful. Human rights belong to everyone and they can't be taken away.

## So, what are your rights?



You have the right to be treated fairly no matter who you are.



You have the right to be alive.



You have the right to move freely but you must always stay safe.



You have the right to health services when you need it (e.g. you have the right to see a doctor when you're sick).



With the help of your parents or carers, you can think what you like and choose what religion to believe in.



No one can buy or sell you or make you a slave.



You have the right to give and be given information in a way that you understand. This includes writing, drawing, talking or even singing – in any way, in fact - so long as you're not hurting anyone.



You have the right to share your opinion on things that will affect you. You have the right to be taken seriously when you share your opinion.



You have the right to meet other children. You can form or join clubs or groups with other children but you can't force anyone to join a group.



No one can hurt or harm you.

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# What are human rights laws?

There are laws that protect human rights for everyone. Specifically, there are laws in Queensland, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria that require the government and organisations, like The Benevolent Society, to protect human rights.

These laws aren't just for grown-ups. They're also for children. The law says that if you are under 18 years old, you are a child. Your parents or carers can help you understand what these rights mean for you.



Your personal belongings can't be taken away from you without good reason.



You have the right to keep some things private. No one can break the law and enter your home, hassle your family or say bad things about you.



The law says more things need to be done to protect the rights of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



You have the right to be free and safe. No one can arrest you or put you in prison unless you break the law.



You have the right to be treated with respect even if you are in prison.



You have the right to go to school.



You have the right to know and understand your culture, language and religion.



If someone says you have broken the law, you can receive help from the law. You should always have the chance to tell your side of the story. You should be treated fairly.



You have the right to be cared for properly. This means:

- You are kept safe.
- Decisions are made based on what is best for you.
- Grown-ups consider what you think when making these decisions.
- You have a name and a nationality (that is, you legally belong to a country).
- Your family takes care of you unless it isn't safe.



## Need help?

If you think someone is disrespecting your human rights, you should speak to someone you trust. It's important you speak up because your opinion matters.