

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability

The United Nations has written a list of rights for people with a disability called Articles. The Articles say that people with a disability all over the world have the right to:



Equality - You have the right to be treated the same as anyone else. *(Article 5)*

Equal Rights for Women and Children - Women and children with disabilities must have their rights protected. *(Articles 6 and 7)*

Community Awareness - Governments should teach the community about the rights and needs of people with a disability. This is called community awareness raising. *(Article 8)*

Access - You have the right to be able to get into buildings, be able to get on to trams, buses and other transport, get information in ways you understand and more. *(Article 9)*

Life - Everyone has the right to life including people with a disability. *(Article 10)*

Safety - You have the right to get help in an emergency such as a bushfire. *(Article 11)*

Legal Rights and Justice - You have the same legal rights as anyone else and should be treated the same as anyone else if you go to court. *(Articles 12 and 13)*

Freedom and Safety - You have the right to be free and to be safe. You cannot be locked up just because you have a disability. *(Article 14)*

Not be Treated Cruelly, Abused or Hurt - You have the right not to be treated cruelly or abused. You also have the right to be safe in your house and your community. *(Articles 15 and 16)*

Respect - You have the right to be respected for who you are. *(Article 17)*

Go Where You Want - You have the right to choose the area you want to live in and move to different places if you want to. *(Article 18)*

Live Independently in the Community - You have the right to live in the community and have the same rights, choices and opportunities as anyone else in the community. *(Article 19)*

Support to Move About - You have the right to get the support you need to help you move about in the community. *(Article 20)*

Freedom of Speech - You have the right to say what you want and to get information in ways you can understand. *(Article 21)*

Privacy - You have the right to privacy and for other people not to know your business if you do not want them to do. *(Article 22)*

Have a Home and Family - You have the right to get married, have your own home, and to have family if you want to. *(Article 23)*

Education - You have the right to a good education. *(Article 24)*

Good Health - You have the right to get the support you need to stay healthy. *(Article 25)*

Good Services - You have the right to good services to help you live a good life including health, work, education and social services. *(Article 26)*

Work - You have the right to get a job and to get equal pay. *(Article 27)*

Good Standard of Living - You have the right to live well including getting food, clothing, a place to live and clean water. *(Article 28)*

Be Involved in Politics - You have the right to vote, and to be involved in politics. *(Article 29)*

Sport and Leisure - You have the same right as anyone else to take part in sports and leisure activities in the community. *(Article 30)*

