



# Human rights and the law

We all have fundamental human rights, which are stated in the Human Rights Act of 1998. If these human rights are abused, we have the right to find a solution through the justice system.

## Your human rights are:

- ★ The right to life.
- ★ Freedom from torture and degraded treatment.
- ★ Freedom from slavery and forced labour.
- ★ The right to liberty.
- ★ The right to a fair trial.
- ★ The right not to be punished for something that wasn't a crime when you did it.
- ★ The right to respect for private and family life.
- ★ Freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- ★ Freedom of expression.
- ★ Freedom of assembly and association.
- ★ The right to marry or form a civil partnership and start a family.
- ★ The right not to be discriminated against in respect of these rights and freedoms.
- ★ The right to own property.
- ★ The right to an education.
- ★ The right to participate in free elections.

Choose three of these rights and explain what life in your community might be like if these right did not exist.

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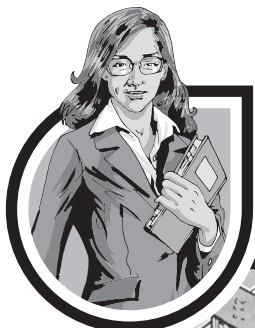
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