



THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN CARE

Every child in care has rights they need to know about. Child Safety must explain these rights to every child in its care in a way they understand.

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SAFE & HEALTHY

- Have a safe place to keep personal belongings
- Play and take part in activities they enjoy, including sport, music and art
- Have a say in who is given information about them
- Have a safe and stable place to live
- Have a care arrangement that meets their needs
- Receive care that meets their needs, including medical, dental and therapeutic
- Be treated fairly and with respect

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BE THEMSELVES

- Stay connected to their family, community and culture
- Grow up connected to cultural traditions and customs
- Follow their religion
- Learn their language
- Develop their own identity, including their sexual orientation or gender identity

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BE HEARD

- Have a say and take part in decisions about their lives
- Receive information to help them take part in making decisions and plans about their future
- Have their case plan and care arrangements regularly reviewed
- Make a complaint to Child Safety if their rights are not being upheld

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LEARN & EARN

- Go to school
- Be enrolled in job training and get help to find a job
- Be supported to transition from care to live as independent adults

For First Nations children, Child Safety must make active efforts to uphold their rights under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle*

This information is from the Charter of Rights is part of the *Child Protection Act 1999* and the *Human Rights Act 2019*.



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