

Human Rights Watch

Children's Rights

<https://www.hrw.org/topic/childrens-rights/juvenile-justice>

Campaign and Advocacy

Children around the world who are arrested and detained for alleged wrongdoing are often not given the protections they are entitled under the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In many countries, children are charged and sentenced for acts that should not be crimes such as truancy or misbehavior at home. Some states set a minimum age of criminal responsibility lower than the internationally acceptable age of 14. Some states also treat certain children, especially older adolescents or children who are accused of particularly serious crimes, as if they were adults during their trial and sentencing. Sentences of death, life without parole, and corporal punishment are still handed down in some countries, in violation of international law. The international prohibition on detaining children with adults is also often violated.

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Education, Social Restrictions, and Justice in Taliban-Held Afghanistan

Abusive Police Stops in France

Egyptian Security Forces Abuse of Children in Detention

Beatings, Electric Shock to Coerce ISIS Confessions

Pledges Swift Reintegration Support for Boko Haram Suspects

New Scorecard Gives Only 4 a C Grade; 46 Get D or F

Law Reforms Have Done Little to Stem Abuses

Children Should be Reintegrated, Not Face Prosecution

Ten Points to Celebrate from 2021

Others Remain in Prison Under Abusive Justice System

Stop Using Vague Law to Silence Criticism of Prime Minister

Urgent Need for More Reform to Prevent Future Abuses

79th Pre-Session

Requires Attorney Consultation on Rights

Government Should End All Executions, Protect Children from Abuse

Oct 26, 2022

Preventing Intimidation in US Elections; Landmark Declaration on Explosive Weapons; Dam Trouble in Kyrgyzstan; Take Note; Listen: Qatar's Abuses of LGBT People; Watch: Speaking on Xinjiang at the UN; On Our Terms: Impunity.

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