



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**



Rights for Kids

in care

0-6 years

My Rights



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I have the right to **be healthy.**

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I have the right to **go to school.**

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I have the right to be **loved and cared for.**

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I have the right to **talk about anything to my carer and case worker.**

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I have the right to **have contact with my family whenever possible.**

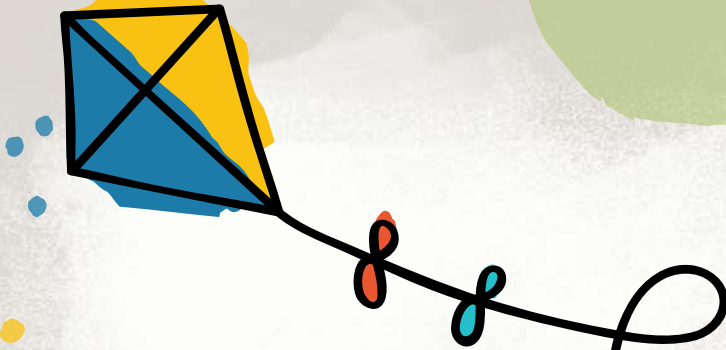
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I have the right to **be heard.**

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I have the right to **privacy and to have my own things.**





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I have the right to **play and have friends.**

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I have the right to **my culture and religion.**

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I have the right to **be safe.**



About

What is the Charter of Rights?

The Charter is a list of things informing how children should be treated when they come into the care of the Department of Communities (the Department) in Western Australia.

All of these rights are important; however, some might be more important to you than others.

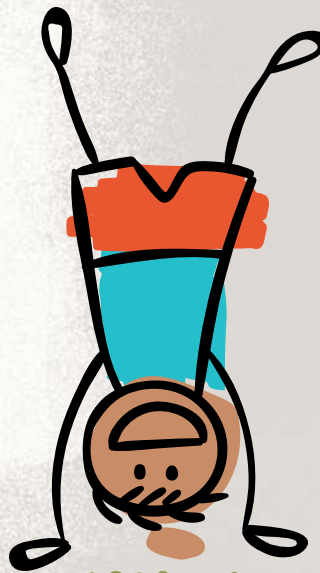
What does it mean to come into care?

It means the Department is responsible for your wellbeing.

Your case worker works along side you and your carer to ensure you are being properly looked after, and that your care plan is being followed.

The plan includes things like where you live, the school you go to, the sports and activities you take part in and your other day-to-day needs including contact with your family.

Children come into the Department's care for different reasons. It is important that you understand why you are in care and how long you will be in care. Ask your case worker or carer if you are not sure.



Useful Numbers

Advocate for Children in Care

The Advocate for Children in Care can help you sort out complaints or problems with the Department and make sure you have a say in decisions that affect your life.

Office hours

9am - 5pm Monday to Friday
Freecall* **1800 460 696**

0429 086 508 (you can call, text or leave a message).

Email: advocate@communities.wa.gov.au

Other numbers important to you

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Other useful numbers

Crisis Care (08) 9223 1111
or Freecall* **1800 199 008**

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Police 131 444 or **000** (emergency only)

*freecall number - charges may apply for some mobile plans.

