

Child Protection Law # 3 for 2016 “Wadeema’s Law”

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Federal LAW # (3) for 2016 . Child Rights Law “Wadeema”

SEVEN RIGHTS

- **Basic Rights**

- Documentation
- Children under 10 not to sit in front seats

- **Family Rights**

- Care, finances and protection

- **Health/Medical Rights**

- Prevention, intervention and psychological

- **Educational Rights**

- Every child has the right to an education
- Prohibiting any type of violence in schools

- **Social rights**

- *The state shall provide:*
 - Adequate living standards
 - Support the physical, mental, psychological and social growth of children

- **Cultural rights**

- *The state shall establish:*
 - Councils, associations, clubs and centers for children with the aim to:
 - Develop their cultural, artistic, scientific, physical and other abilities.

- **Protection Rights**

- From loss of parents and being without guardian
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse

Child Rights “Wadeema” :

General Provisions

- **Physical abuse:** Includes but is not limited to hitting, slapping, pushing, or inappropriate restraint.
- **Emotional/Psychological abuse:** Includes but is not limited to threat of harm or abandonment, emotional deprivation and humiliation or degradation.
- **Sexual abuse:** Includes but is not limited to sexual assault & rap.

This also entails Child Pornography which is the production, publication or circulation of a picture, film through any means of communication, social media platforms, where the child is shown in a sexual act of a real, virtual, or simulated nature

Child Rights “Wadeema”: General Provisions

The competent authorities and concerned entities shall act to achieve the following:

This LAW is intended to protect rather than punish

2. Protecting the child from any form of negligence, maltreatment and from any physical and psychological violence which exceeds the normal one prescribed in the religion and law as the parents’ right and the like to discipline their children.
3. Protecting the child best interest.
4. Educating the child of his rights, duties and commitments in a society dominated by: justice, equality, tolerance and values.
5. Disseminating the culture of the child’s rights as broad as possible using the right means.

Child Rights “Wadeema” :

General Provisions

- The child’s privacy shall be respected in accordance with the public order and duties and **rights of whoever undertakes the child care as per the law.**
- A child shall be **registered after his birth immediately** in the birth register book as per the legal system applied in this respect.

Child Abuse is...

- Every action or omission that would lead to the harm of the child and prevent the child's growth in a sound, safe and healthy environment

Neglect is...

- Includes but is not limited to **failure of the caregivers** to preserve and care for the child's needs including that of the **medical, social, and educational nature.**

Child Rights “Wadeema”: HEALTH RIGHTS

The competent authorities and the concerned entities shall provide the health care to mothers in antenatal and post-natal periods as per the applicable laws.

1. Playing a constructive and effective role in awareness campaign in relation to **health guidance** and protection fields like the child health, nutrition, **benefits of the natural breastfeeding**, **protection of disease**, accidents and **harms of smoking**. Putting in place policies and proper programs for developing the health media in this respect.
2. Protecting from contagious, dangerous and endemic diseases and providing proper vaccines and protections.

Child Rights “Wadeema”:

HEALTH RIGHTS

- The following acts shall be **prohibited**:
 1. Selling or attempting to sell tobacco or related products to a child. A seller may also request a customer to submit a proof of age to show that he is over 18 years.
 2. Smoking in public and private means of transportation or in closed areas, in case of the presence of a child.
 3. Importing or trading in any materials that contravene the standard specifications approved in the state for food and health, food or hormone supplements.

Medical Neglect

- **Lack** of follow up, delay in seeking medical advice
- **Non-compliance** with a child's medication/vaccination/etc.
- **Discharging** the child against medical advice

Child Rights “Wadeema”/ Article 34 & Article 36:

The Right to Protection

- **It is prohibited** to expose the mental, psychological, physical or moral safety of a child to danger when unnecessarily **abandoned**, kept at a place or a care institution, **rejected or denied medical treatment** and attention by his caregiver.
- **It is prohibited** to expose a child to **torture** or **aggression** on his physical safety, or to commit any violent act that may hurt the **emotional, psychological, mental** or **moral stability** of a child.

Child Rights “Wadeema”/ Article 42:

Protection Measures

The notification is mandatory for:

Nurses, Physicians, Social Specialists

or whoever is entrusted with the protection, care or education of children.

Child Rights “Wadeema”:

Protection Measures

All adults are legally mandated to inform the concerned authority

if knew that a child is suffering :

- Child who lost his/her parents and has no host
- **Obvious and continuous neglect of care and education**
- Incapability of parents or caregiver to take care of a child

Why Abuse is not Reported by Professionals?

- >90% of cases; medical examinations are not significant
- Limited awareness
- Fear of punishment
 - Health and school professionals

Child Rights “Wadeema”: Protection Measures

The identity of the informer shall not be released without his consent.

It is **prohibited** to disclose the identities of all parties and witnesses in a case of child abuse or ill treatment, when the information is used in the analytical process, information reports or the publication of any material that may lead to the identification thereof.

- **Protection Procedures**

- ❖ **Child Protection Units**
- ❖ **Child protection officers**
- ❖ **Protection of reporters; anonymous**

Report instantly any
suspicious/confirmed incidence of physical/neglect/
emotional/sexual abuse.



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