

**Communication rights for**

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## **Basic Communication Rights**

- The right to improve communication
- The right to speak with words
- The right to speak without words

## **Rights for choosing**

- The right to have choices
- The right to request
- The right to refuse

## **Rights for sharing**

- The right to say feelings
- The right to share ideas
- The right to ask questions

## **Rights for socializing**

- The right to be social
- The right to relevant communication
- The right to know about people

## **Rights for community**

- The right to different settings
- The right to be in community
- The right to share culture

## **Rights from communication partners**

- The right to a response
- The right to respect
- The right to direct communication

# Reminder

Rights are true for **everyone**

## Source

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