

Children's Rights

in Gifu City

To every child, precious and one of a kind:

Every person is born with **the right to live happily.**

We **must do our utmost to safeguard children's rights**
so that each and every child can realize their inherent potential,
actively pursue their own possibilities and lead a happy life.

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

1989: Adopted by the United Nations
1994: Ratified by Japan

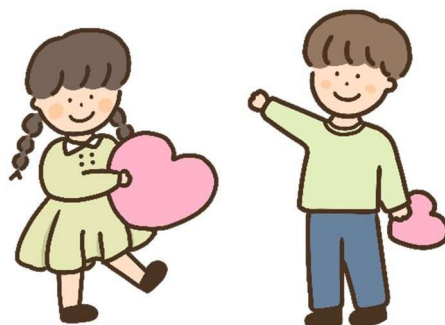
196 countries and regions*
have become parties to the
Convention, and children's rights are
being respected around the world.

**As of March 2025*

Gifu City Ordinance on Children's Rights

2006: Ordinance Enacted

The ordinance provides that the City, parents/guardians, local residents, and others shall work together and cooperate to protect children's rights. It also states that children should be encouraged to understand and be aware of their own rights, and that a Children's Rights Promotion Committee shall be established.



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Five Fundamental Rights That Belong to Every Child

The Right to Live Safely and Securely

- Children's lives must be cherished.
- Children must be raised with love.
- Children's health must be taken into consideration, and appropriate medical care must be provided.
- Children must not be subjected to any form of discrimination.
- Children must not be subjected to abuse, violence, bullying, etc.
- Children must not be subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation.

The Right to Grow Up Freely

- Each child's individuality must be recognized, and their personality respected.
- Children have the right to make independent decisions about matters that affect them.
- Children have the right to play and to enjoy culture, the arts, and sports.
- Children have the right to learn.
- Children have the right to rest their bodies and minds in peace.
- Children must not be left to their own devices, but taught appropriate lifestyle habits and basic social skills.

The Right to Protect Oneself and Be Protected

- Children have the right to escape situations in which their rights are being violated.
- Children have the right to be protected from circumstances that hinder their growth and development.
- Children have the right to privacy.
- Children have the right to be free from attacks on their dignity and character.



The Right to Receive Appropriate Support

- Children have the right to receive appropriate support, as needed, according to their individual circumstances, including their nationality, whether or not they have a disability, and other personal situations.

The Right to Express Opinions and Participate

- Children have the right to obtain the information they need.
- Children have the right to express themselves and voice their opinions, and to have those views respected.
- Children have the right to make friends and gather with others.
- Children have the right to participate in society according to their age and level of development, and to have their views taken into account.

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~Everyone's Promise~

The Roles of Parents/Guardians, Children, Local Residents, and the City



The Role of Parents/Guardians

Recognize their responsibility to ensure and protect the rights of the children that are in their care.

- Treat children with love and care.
- Respect each child's individuality and personality and strive to provide opportunities for them to receive an education and to engage with culture, the arts, and sports.
- Ensure that the home is a place where children can live happily and with a sense of security, while striving to help them acquire appropriate lifestyle habits and basic social skills.
- Do not abuse children.

The Role of Local Residents

Take an interest in children who are nearby and watch over them.

- Help create a safe and secure community.
- Keep a watchful eye on children.



The Role of Children

Be aware of their own rights and respect the rights of others.

- Learn about their own rights.
- Do not infringe upon the rights of others.



The Role of the City

Implement Necessary Policies in Collaboration with Citizens

- Promote awareness and understanding of children's rights.
- Develop and improve environments for child-rearing consultation and support.



Let's Protect Children's Rights Together!

Gifu City has enacted the "Gifu City Ordinance on Children's Rights" to respect children's autonomy and safeguard their rights.

Through this ordinance, let's first recognize that children have rights just like adults do, and then consider our own roles in protecting their rights.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to talk to children about their rights at home, in the community, and at school.

Let's work together—the city, parents/guardians, local residents, those involved in educational and childcare facilities, and businesses—to create a city that protects and supports children's rights.

(Reference) Introducing the Preamble to the Ordinance on Children's Rights

Every person has the right to live a happy life from the moment they are born. From the moment they are born, every child is a holder of rights, and those rights must never be infringed upon due to the convenience of adults or their momentary emotions.

We are fully committed to safeguarding children's rights so that every child can realize their inherent potential, actively pursue their own possibilities, and lead a happy life.

To this end, we will work to create a city that protects and supports the rights of children.

To all children:

This Ordinance reaffirms that every child has rights from the moment they are born, and explains the rights that are especially important for children. Those rights must be protected as much as possible.

Having rights means that each and every person has rights. Just as you have rights, other people have rights too. It is important to recognize that you are a holder of rights and, based on that understanding, to recognize the rights of others and understand your responsibility to respect one another's rights.

A society in which each person's rights are valued is built through the awareness, recognition, and understanding of many people.

For the happiness of all children, who are full of potential, we respect children's independence and, with the aim of guaranteeing their rights, hereby establish the Gifu City Ordinance on Children's Rights.

The "Gifu City Ordinance on Children's Rights" is available on the Gifu City website.
<http://www.city.gifu.lg.jp/5011.htm>



Suspect Child Abuse? Don't Wait. Make the Call.

● Consultation and Reporting of **Child Abuse**

☎ Child Consultation Center Abuse Hotline (Toll-Free)

☎ 189 (ichi-hayaku)

☎ Gifu City Child and Adolescent Support Center

Dedicated child abuse reporting line: ☎ 058-269-1600

Need help? You're not alone - talk to us!

● Counseling on **Domestic Violence** and Related Issues

☎ Gifu Prefecture Dedicated Domestic Violence Hotline

☎ 058-201-5610 Everyday 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM

☎ Gifu Prefecture Women's Consultation and Support Center

☎ 058-213-2131 Weekdays (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

In-person consultations: Weekdays (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Reservations are generally required)

☎ Gifu City Women's Consultation (DV Consultation)

☎ 0120-783-305

● Counseling Services **Exclusively for Children**

☎ Gifu City Child and Adolescent Support Center

☎ Children's Help Hotline: 0120-43-1474

✉ Children's Help E-mail:
gifu43izime-nashi@soleil.ocn.ne.jp

☎ Gifu District Legal Affairs Bureau

☎ Children's Rights Hotline 0120-007-110

