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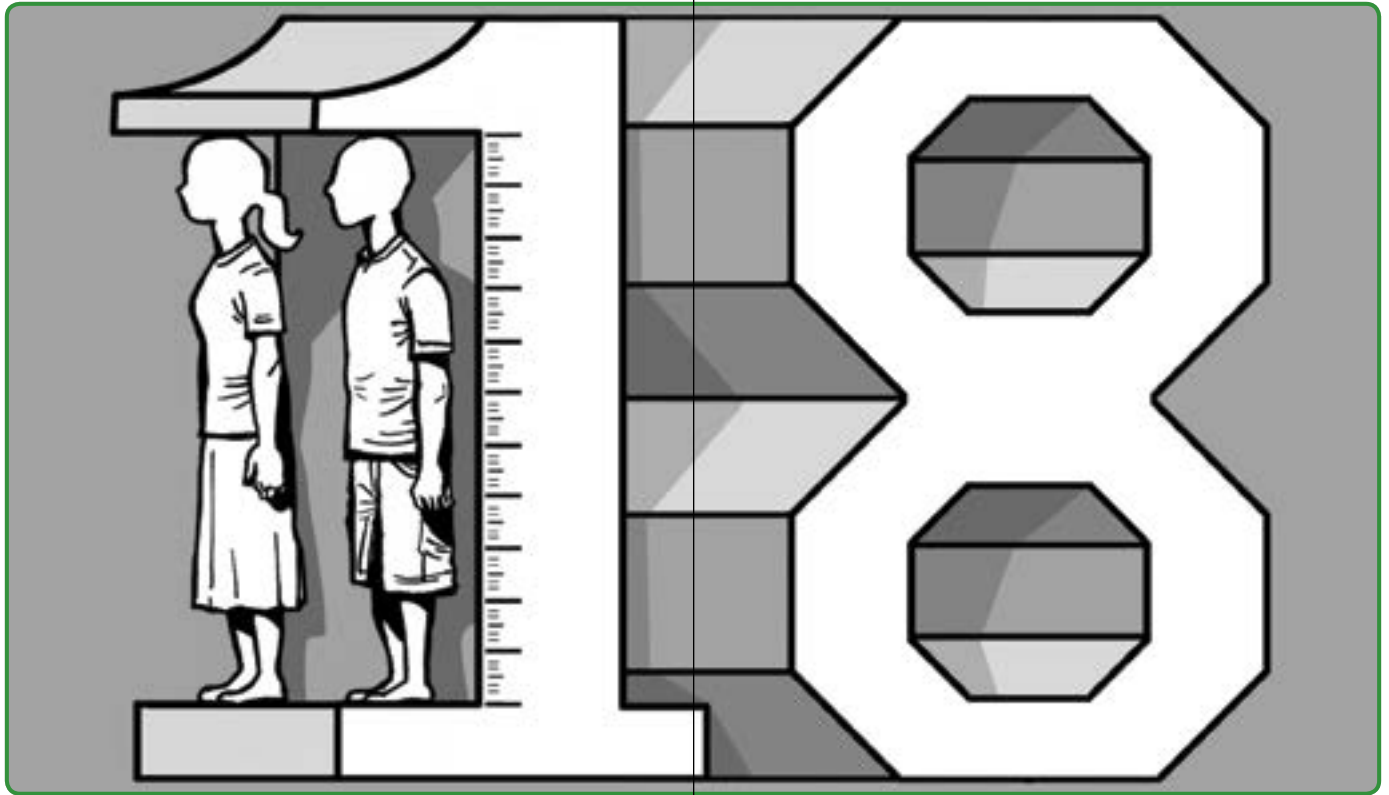


**Protecting children in
armed conflict: key rules
from Geneva Call's
*Deed of Commitment***



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English



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Children are persons under 18 years old



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Do not use children in combat or

combat-related activities – even if they volunteer



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Do not force children to associate with armed forces in any manner



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Do not recruit children into armed forces or

allow them to be members – even if they volunteer



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Children should only be detained as a last resort



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Never execute children



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When children associated with your armed forces leave, it must be done in safety



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Do everything possible to protect children from the effects of armed operations



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Do your best to ensure that children have the aid and care they need



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Put these rules into practice



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Violations must be sanctioned in accordance with international standards



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Cooperate with Geneva Call

to monitor respect of these rules



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Geneva Call

Geneva Call is a neutral and impartial non-governmental organization that engages in dialogue with armed non-State actors to promote their adherence to, and respect, for international humanitarian norms.

Geneva Call focuses its action on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, and in particular:

- The protection of children in armed conflict
- The prohibition of sexual violence and the elimination of gender discrimination
- The ban of anti-personnel mines

The Deed of Commitment

The *Deeds of Commitments* are formal documents signed by armed non-State actors which undertake to respect specific international humanitarian norms. To date, **Geneva Call** has developed three such documents:

- The *Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines and for Cooperation in Mine Action*
- The *Deed of Commitment for the Protection of Children from the Effects of Armed Conflict*
- The *Deed of Commitment for the Prohibition of Sexual Violence in Situations of Armed Conflict and towards the Elimination of Gender Discrimination*

Geneva Call supports and monitors the implementation of the *Deeds of Commitment* by signatory armed non-State actors.