

For adults

Mie Prefecture Children's Ordinance

To ensure that all children can live with peace of mind



Digital version

Do you know any children like this?

Forced to accept
the opinions of
adults



Bad things written
about them on
social media



Bullied and
hurt



Nowhere
they can feel
at ease



Doing too many chores
at home, leaving no
time for homework



Nowhere to go to
talk when having
problems



These are examples where the rights of children
are not being protected.
Let's consider what it means for children to grow
up comfortably and healthily.



Introduction to the Mie Prefecture Children's Ordinance

This ordinance was established with the aim of creating a society where the rights of children are secured, in accordance with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Important points of the ordinance (basic principles)

Children have intrinsic rights, and shall not face discrimination for any reason



Like adults, children have many rights, including some that only children have. Children shall not face discrimination for any reason, including ethnicity, gender, ways of thinking, disability, or economic circumstances.

Children's lives and health shall be protected, to ensure they can grow up healthily



Children shall be protected from crime, accidents, and other dangers, and shall be able to grow up healthily.

Children can express their own opinions and participate in various social activities



Children can freely communicate their own thoughts and opinions to adults. They can participate in social activities at schools and within local communities, and the opinions of children can be utilized in society.

The opinions of children shall be respected, and their best interests shall be considered



The opinions of children shall be valued. Adults shall prioritize what is best for children when considering things.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

This convention was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989. Japan became a signatory in 1994. It recognizes that children have rights as human beings, like adults, and establishes that children also have unique rights, because care and consideration are necessary for their growth.

What adults do for children

Every adult plays a role in protecting the rights of children.
Adults must cooperate to support children.

Parents and guardians

These adults shall understand that it is their responsibility to take care of children as they grow, and they shall endeavor to create an environment where children can grow with peace of mind, with support as required from administrative bodies, supporting organizations, and other groups.

Schools and other educators

These adults shall endeavor to ensure the safety of children, and create an environment where children can learn and grow with peace of mind. They shall provide support to ensure that children can learn about children's rights and express their opinions.

Business operators

Business operators shall provide a workplace environment that enables working people to lead a fulfilling life that balances work and home. They shall also endeavor to promote initiatives to support the growth of children in local communities.

Supporting bodies

They shall endeavor to watch over and support the growth of children, through activities that utilize their specialist knowledge.

Coordination Cooperation

Residents

They shall endeavor to deepen their understanding of measures related to children, and actively cooperate with such measures.



Prefectural government

The government of Mie Prefecture shall systematically promote measures related to children, and shall value the opinions and best interests of children. We will work with municipal governments to provide support to enable cooperation by parents and guardians, schools, and the local community, and support initiatives in which everyone works together to support children.

Mie Prefecture's efforts

We protect children from abuse, bullying, and other violations of their rights.

(Article 11)



Promoting initiatives that contribute to children's safety and peace of mind



Creating systems to protect the rights of children

We provide support to enable all children to grow up comfortably and healthily.

(Article 13)



Learning

Play

Hands-on activities

Giving children their own place

Support for the growth of children who require special support



We reflect the opinions of children in prefectural initiatives.

(Article 14)



We provide opportunities for people to learn about the rights of children.

(Article 12)



We provide support to ensure that households raising children can live with peace of mind.

(Article 15)



Things children want to say to adults

We asked children about what they want to change in society, and how they want adults to change

I want adults to respect the thoughts and feelings of children. I want adults to adopt a stance of listening to children's opinions.

I have only ever seen old people doing children's patrols. Do young people not do these patrols?

I get distracted and can't concentrate when I'm doing my homework and my parents are looking at their smartphones beside me. I want adults to support children without looking at their smartphones.

I don't want adults to use harsh words when they get angry.

I don't really want to see my mother and father angry. I want them to be angry less.



Together, let's ensure that children in Mie Prefecture can live with dreams and hopes for the future

What would you do if the rights of a child
you know are not being protected?

