

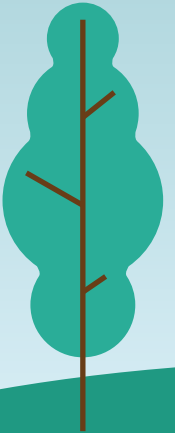
ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

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65 COUNTRIES/STATES BANNED
***PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT**
IN ALL SETTINGS (HOME, SCHOOL, ETC.)
CANADA IS **NOT** ONE OF THEM

*Punishment that uses force to cause pain/ discomfort even mild (e.g., hitting, spanking, smacking, slapping, kicking, shaking, scratching, pinching or biting.)



No known benefits for children

Suicidal thoughts & attempts

Violence in later intimate relationships

Physical health problems

Antisocial behaviour

Aggression



HARMS

Anxiety, depression, emotional disorders

Related to other forms of child abuse & neglect

Poor parent-child relationships

Slower cognitive development

Substance use

Injury

HOW DO WE BRING ABOUT CHANGE?



1 LAW REFORM

2 AWARENESS & EDUCATION

3 PARENTAL SUPPORTS & PROGRAMS

