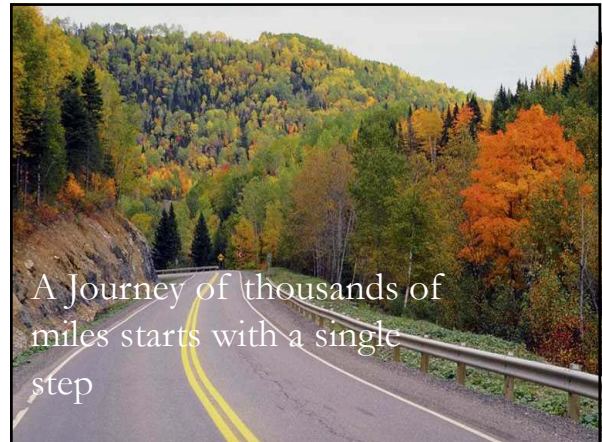


CHILD RIGHTS & CHILD ABUSE

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UN - INSTRUMENTS

- Child Rights Charter
- C138 (Minimum age for Employment)
- C182 (Worst form of Child Labour)
- C105 (Forced Labour)
- Beijing Rules (Standard minimum rules For the Administration of Juvenile Justice)
- Riyadh Rules

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Child Rights Charter - History

- 1924 Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Adopted by UNGA on 20th Nov.1959
- CRC 20th November 1989
- Contains 54 articles
- Sri Lanka Signed on 26th January 1990
- Ratified on 12th July 1991

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Notable Laws on Child Abuse

- Penal Code 2 of 1883, 22 of 1995, 29 of 1998, 16 of 2006
- Criminal Procedure Code 15 of 1979, 28 of 1998, 7 of 2006
- Evidence Ordinance Amendments
- Children and Young Persons Ordinance 48 of 1939
- Employment of women young persons and children

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Child Abuse Definition

- Child Abuse means an offence under Ss. 286A, 288, 288A, 288B, 308A, 360A, 360B, 360C, 363, 365, 365A or 365B of the Penal Code when committed in relation to a child.
(Sec. 2 of Code of Criminal Procedure Act, amended by 28 of 1998)

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Child Abuse

- 286A : Obscene publication, Exhibition
- 286B : Duty of person providing service by computer to prevent sexual abuse of a child
- 286C: Duty to inform of use of premises for child abuse
- 288(1) Causing or Procuring to beg.
- 288A(1) Hiring or employing to act as procurers for sexual intercourse.
- 288B Hiring or employing to traffic in restricted articles.

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Child Abuse

- 308A Cruelty to Children
- 358A Slavery
- 360A Procuration
- 360B Sexual exploitation
- 360C Trafficking
- 360 D , E Adoption
- 363 Rape
- 364A Incest
- 365A Acts of gross Indecency between persons
- 365B Grave Sexual Abuse

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Special Provisions

- Detention in Police Custody (72 hrs.) 43A
- Custody of Victims at appropriate place, by the Magistrate 451A
- Priority for Trials & Appeals 453A
- No non summary inquiry in rape cases where the victim is under 16 yrs of age. (27 of 1998)

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Child Labour

- Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children 47 of 1956, Act 8 of 2003
- Gazette No 1116/5 Dated 26th January 2000
- Minimum Age for Domestic Servants 14yrs.
- Education Ordinance 31 of 1939
- Gazette No 1003, Dated 25th November 1997
- Compulsory attendance age 14 years.

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