

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SCENARIOS

Your child has rights, and your child also has responsibilities that go with those rights. Your child has the responsibility to make safe decisions and choices that will enable them to exercise their rights and to be protected.

Directions:

Review your child's rights and what each right means to them. Work with your child and read each statement, then decide which right is being described. Discuss with your child how they can assume the responsibility that goes with that right. Show your child how their responsibility to make safe choices enables their rights to protect themselves.

-  **The right to Safety.** No one has the right to hurt them or make them feel afraid or do something wrong, dangerous, or scary to them. They have the right to feel comfortable and secure in their surroundings.
-  **The right to a Voice.** Their voice means that they have a say; the right to be heard; to voice their opinions, their hopes, and their fears. They have the right to let others know if something is not okay. Their voice has power.
-  **The right to Respect.** They should be treated like they are important and valuable. They have the right to have their body boundaries respected.
-  **The right to their Identity.** They have the right to express all of their ideas, beliefs, and the other things that make them who they are. Their likes and dislikes, and even their faults, make them unique.
-  **The right to a Childhood.** Your child's entitlement to each of these rights protects their childhood and enables them to play, go to school, have friends, and be safe.

1. "I'm just a kid. I shouldn't have to do anything around the house because I am a kid. What's wrong with that?"

What is her Right? *Right to a Childhood*

What is her Responsibility? *To be a contributing member of her family by doing what a kid can do to help around the house.*

2. "I have an idea. You ride your bike as fast as you can down the hill and pull me on my skateboard. I don't care if it is dark, and besides, they build sidewalks to keep us safe."

What is his Right? _____

What is his Responsibility? _____

3. "I would much rather be playing softball than going to dance class, but both of my sisters are dancers and everyone thinks I should be one, too."

What is her Right? _____

What is her Responsibility? _____

4. "Those guys on the bus keep taking stuff from my backpack. Probably nothing will happen if I tell, so I will just keep quiet."

What is his Right? _____

What is his Responsibility? _____

5. "All my so-called friends are being mean to me just because I was making fun of their shoes."

What is his Right? _____

What is his Responsibility? _____

Answers

- 2. Right to safety - The responsibility to make safe decisions.
- 3. Right to identity - The responsibility to be true to yourself.
- 4. Right to a voice - The responsibility to speak up and be heard and helped.
- 5. Right to respect - The responsibility to treat others with respect.



What is one of your rights?

One of my rights is the right to respect.

