

## **RIGHT TO LIVE**

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Every one of us has the right to live in this institution; the taking of human life has been strongly condemned by most world religions. Human rights law has in turn sought to uphold these rights in a number of treaties. The life of an individual is clearly protected from being arbitrarily taken. The right to life is not, as inviolable as it might seem at first sight. There are a number of situations where states may deprive individuals of life itself and to which human rights law does not raise an objection. The use of the death penalty is one such example. Human rights law does not prohibit the use of the death penalty as a punishment for crimes but does encourage its abolition and seek to limit its use. The use of violence in self-defense lies at the base of other justifications for the taking of human life. Killing is permitted at times of war save for the murder of civilians and prisoners of war. Human rights law thus tries to respond to the ethical dilemmas raised by the right to life by establishing a range of prohibitions and exhortations. Not only here in our country doing this violence also in the other countries.