



## Child Safeguarding Policy

# How Arigatou International Keeps You Safe

Child-friendly version

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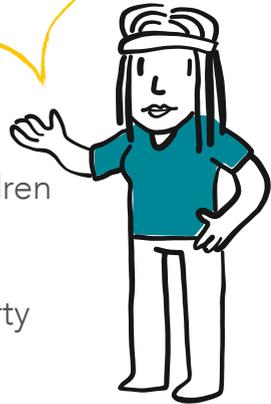
# What is Arigatou International?

Arigatou International works to build a better world for children. We make sure that all children who participate in our activities are respected, protected, and safe.

Arigatou International works with children from all countries, cultures, and religions and treats all children with respect and dignity.

We have different initiatives and you may know and participate in some of them:

- Global Network of Religions for Children
- Ethics Education for Children
- Prayer and Action for Children
- Interfaith Initiative to End Child Poverty



## Remember...

In any of these initiatives of Arigatou International, we always put children's best interest first and work to protect the wellbeing of every child who participates in our activities.

Arigatou International collaborates with different organizations and people who work to make the world a better place for children.

Everyone who works with Arigatou International will make sure that all children who participate in our activities and programs are taken care of and that their rights are respected.

## What is a Child Safeguarding Policy about?

It is a document that contains all information about how to keep children safe and protected. It will help all adults understand their role and responsibilities when working with you.



Did you know that  
all organizations  
working with  
children should  
have one?

# What is Safeguarding ?

Child Safeguarding means that all children have the right to be protected from harm and to be treated with respect.

This policy helps create a safe environment for children, both during our activities and online, so they can be involved, where their ideas, thoughts, feelings and recommendations will be heard and taken into account, an environment where you can freely and genuinely participate and learn.

**Arigatou International works to prevent and end violence against children and make sure to:**



# Important definitions you must know

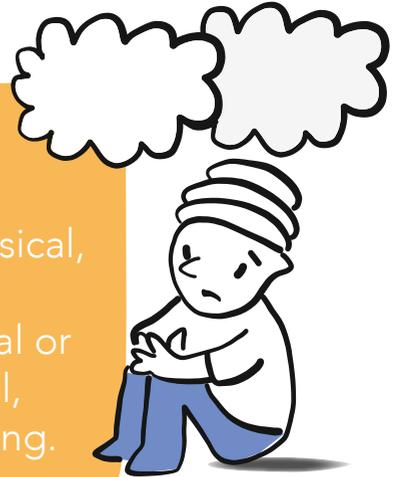


## Child

A child is any person that is under 18 years old.

## Child abuse

Child abuse is any form of physical, mental, emotional, or sexual mistreatment that causes actual or potential harm to your physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.



### Physical violence

is, for example, when someone hits you or pushes you.

### Mental and emotional violence

is when someone yells at you or says mean things that make you upset.

### Sexual violence

is when someone touches you inappropriately or in a way that makes you uncomfortable.

# How does Arigatou International safeguard children ?

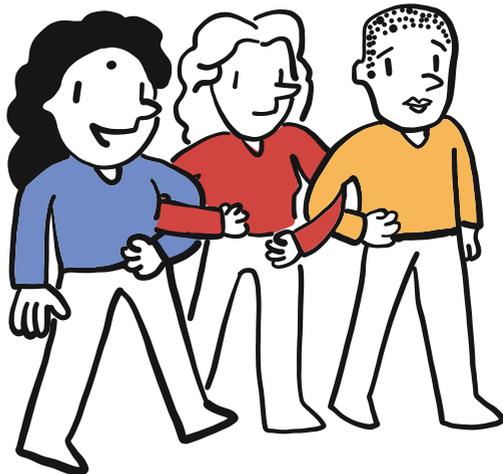
Arigatou International makes sure that children are protected by training all the adults who lead our activities with children. Everyone who works with Arigatou International learns about children's rights and child safeguarding.

All the people who work with Arigatou International

They understand the importance of safeguarding and are prepared to lead our programs and activities.

Know how to keep children safe and they sign a document to show that they understand their responsibilities.

**And they will always put your well-being first.**



# What are your rights ?

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child lists the rights that help keep you safe. Below you can see some.

**You have the right to be protected from any type of violence or abuse.**

*(Articles 11, 19, 32-38)*



**You have the right to be protected from discrimination.**  
*(Articles 23, 30)*



**You have the right to share your ideas and opinions.**  
*(Article 12)*



If you want to learn more about the Convention, go to our website where you can find more information and ask any questions you may have.



[arigatouinternational.org/all-with-children](http://arigatouinternational.org/all-with-children)

# What other rights can you think of?

Write down  
or draw them  
here



# What to do if you feel unsafe ?



Don't be afraid to say something if someone hurts you or if you see a person hurting another child. It is never your fault if someone hurts you.

If someone makes you uncomfortable or harms you, share what happened and talk to an adult that you trust.

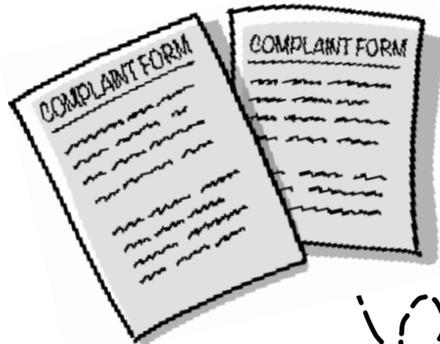
They will listen to you and help you.



# What to do if someone hurts you ?

If someone hurts you or you see someone hurting, harassing, or mistreating another child while participating in an activity organized by Arigatou International, **talk to an adult from Arigatou International (GNRC) that you trust.** They know what to do and will always help you.

Remember that it is never your fault if someone hurts you and that you have the right to be protected.



You can also fill out a complaint form online through the Arigatou International website.

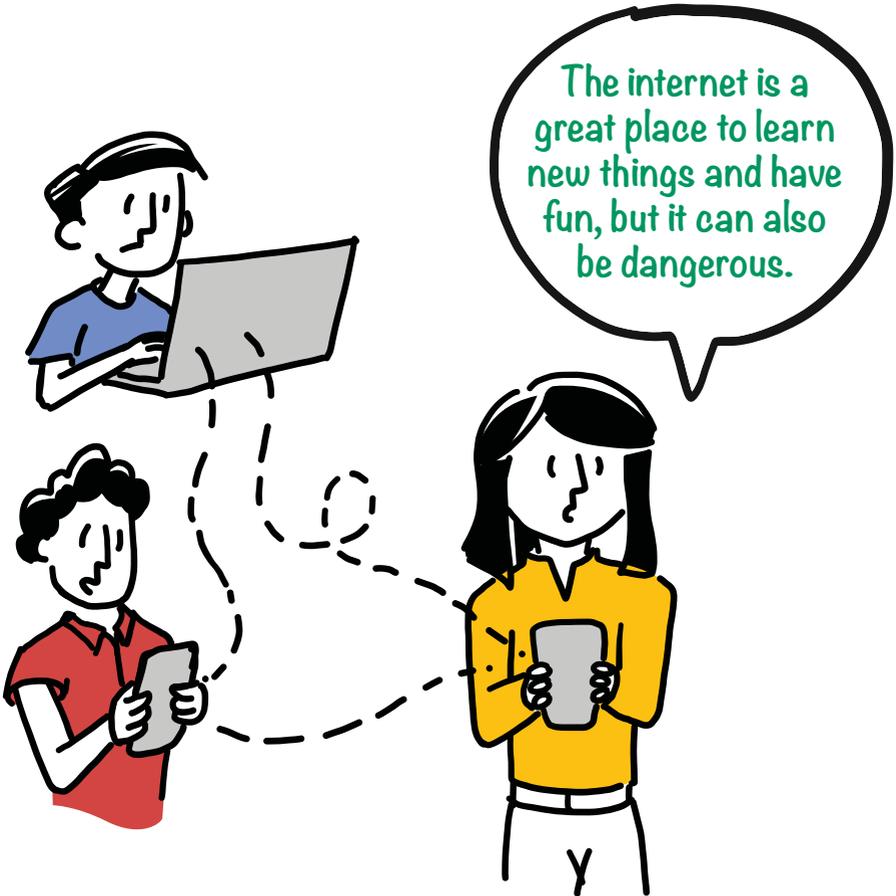


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# Online Safeguarding

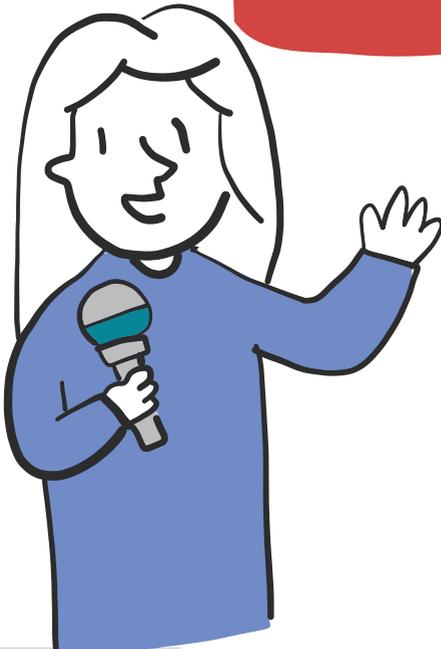
Sometimes people are mean to each other online and use the internet to hurt or bully children. Arigatou International works to protect your safety and privacy online.

**You have the right to be protected online!**



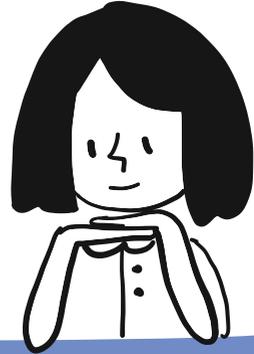
- Arigatou International will never misuse your name, pictures, videos, materials you've produced, or information about you, and will always respect your privacy.
- We will never use your information without asking you, your parents or caregivers first, and unless you say it is allowed.
- If it's ok for Arigatou International to use your pictures or videos, you and your guardian have the right to know where and how your images will be used.

**Your information will always be respected and will never be used if it causes any risks or concerns for you and your family.**



# Arigatou International's Promise

Children's rights and needs are our first priority! We want to see you flourish, feeling happy, safe and encouraged to reach your full potential with other children from all around the world!



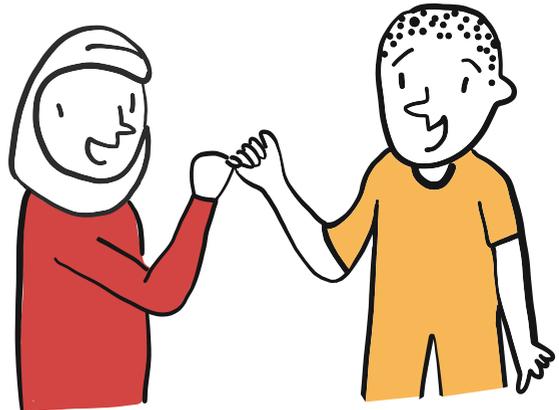
## All members of Arigatou International promise to...

Assume our role and responsibility to create spaces during our activities where you can be yourself...

Respect children's rights and create safe environments for children from all countries, cultures, and religions.

Keep you safe and protected from all types of harm and that you are treated with dignity!

without being afraid to be judged by who you are, where you come from, what you believe, or by your ideas!

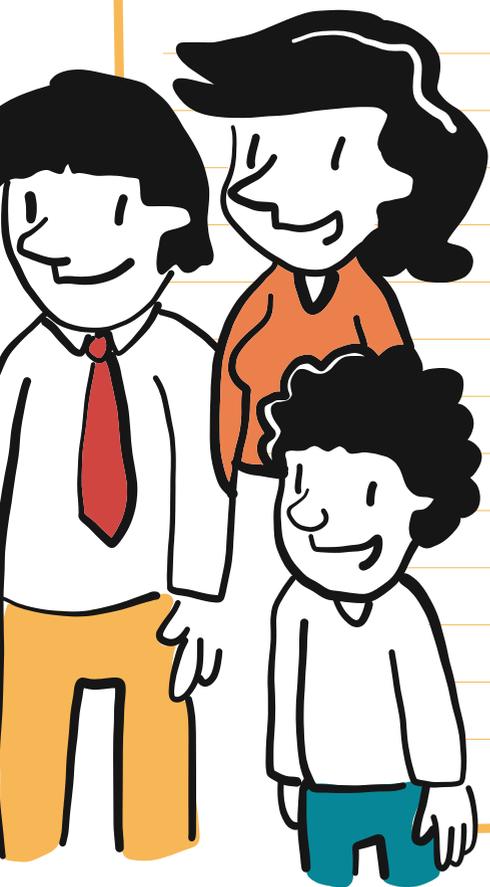


To work with children from different **countries, cultures and religions** is our mission and what we treasure the most!

Children are at the heart of all we do and how we do it!



Your notes...



**“May every day find every  
one of us continually  
embraced in growing peace.”**

*—Rev. Keishi Miyamoto, President of Arigatou  
International, September 21, 2015*

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