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Children's rights statement

Fire & Peace Recovery believes that every young person has a right to a happy and fulfilled life, protected from abuse, exploitation, and neglect. We see the hope and courage in young people every day, which inspires us to support them through their most difficult life challenges.

Fire & Peace Recovery is committed to respecting children and young people's rights as laid out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. As such, every child and young person that comes in contact with Fire & Peace Recovery will:

- Be treated with respect and be afforded full legal rights
- Be listened to and taken seriously, whatever their level of development or communication
- Be given time to do things for themselves, to understand, and to be understood
- Be involved in decisions that affect them
- Have their privacy respected at all times and in all places

All Fire & Peace Recovery staff and volunteers who come into contact with the children, young people, and their families will:

- Be able to identify potential indicators of neglect or abuse
- Know their role and responsibilities within their team
- Know how to communicate and record concerns

- Know to act upon concerns in line with the principles and procedures for local child protection management
- Have read our Safeguarding Policy and have had their PVG clearance

Further documents: [Scottish Government United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child implementation: introductory guidance](#)