

Global progress towards prohibiting all corporal punishment

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The following table summarises the legal status of corporal punishment of children – and progress towards achieving prohibition – in all states and territories in all settings, the home, alternative care, day care, schools, penal institutions and as a sentence for crime. Governments are increasingly enacting laws to prohibit this form of violence against children. As at September 2017, 53 states and six territories have achieved prohibition in all settings, including the home; governments of at least 54 other states have expressed a commitment to enacting full prohibition. Draft legislation that would achieve prohibition in all or some settings is under discussion in some states. With the exception of alternative care and day care, which include those forms of care most closely linked with the legal duties and obligations of parents, the majority of states have prohibited corporal punishment of children outside the family home, but there is much still to be done. The Global Initiative offers technical support and advice on all aspects of law reform to achieve prohibition and publishes a number of useful resources free of charge – please see www.endcorporalpunishment.org or email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

Assessing global progress towards prohibition is a complex task. When a state reforms the law to prohibit corporal punishment in the home, the legislation must be closely examined to ensure there are no legal defences for its use by parents/carers (such as a “right of correction” or a right to administer “reasonable” punishment), and that it prohibits all forms of corporal punishment, however light. The Global Initiative also seeks official confirmation from governments and other sources that the new law is unequivocally interpreted as prohibiting all corporal punishment in childrearing.

With regard to settings outside the home, in many states legislation explicitly prohibits corporal punishment in schools and other institutions. In some states, the illegality of corporal punishment is based on particular combinations of criminal laws on assault and the absence of a legal defence, together with other legislation protecting children in the setting and relevant case law, etc. Alternatively, there may be a high-level court judgment which makes corporal punishment unlawful but which has yet to be confirmed in legislation. Of states in which corporal punishment is lawful in schools or other institutions, some simply lack legislation prohibiting corporal punishment and some explicitly authorise its use in those settings. There are also states that have prohibited corporal punishment in some but not all aspects of a setting (e.g. prohibiting it only in primary schools). The table illustrates some of the complexities: for full details see the individual country reports at www.endcorporalpunishment.org; to provide us with further information please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

	Home	Alternative care settings*	Day care [†]	Schools	Penal institutions	Sentence for crime
Fully prohibited	53 states 6 territories	60 states 6 territories	60 states 6 territories	130 states 15 territories	139 states 35 territories	165 states 39 territories
Not fully prohibited	146 states 33 territories	139 states 33 territories	139 states 33 territories	69 states 24 territories	60 states 4 territories	34 states 0 territories

* “Alternative care” refers to formal foster care and to group care for children in a context other than a family home (institutions, orphanages, children’s homes, cluster foster care, “village” style care, baby homes, youth homes, safe homes/places of safety, emergency care, etc)

[†] “Day care” includes all forms of early childhood care (nurseries, kindergartens, preschools, crèches, children’s/family centres, etc) and all formal day care for older children (day centres, after-school childcare, childminding, etc).

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Afghanistan ³	NO	NO	SOME ⁴	YES	NO	NO ⁵
Albania	YES⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Algeria ⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
American Samoa	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Andorra	YES⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Angola ⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Anguilla	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁰	YES	YES	YES
Antigua and Barbuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Argentina	YES¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Armenia ¹²	NO	SOME ¹³	NO	YES	YES	YES
Aruba	NO ¹⁴	NO	NO	[YES]	[NO]	YES
Australia	NO	SOME ¹⁵	SOME ¹⁶	SOME ¹⁷	SOME ¹⁸	YES
Austria	YES¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Azerbaijan ²⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bahamas	NO	SOME ²¹	SOME ²²	NO	[YES] ²³	[NO] ²⁴
Bahrain	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Bangladesh ²⁵	NO	NO	NO	YES ²⁶	NO	NO
Barbados	NO	NO	SOME ²⁷	NO	NO	NO
Belarus ²⁸	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

³ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

⁴ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁵ Lawful under Shari'a law

⁶ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Rights of the Child 2010

⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Criminal Code 2005

⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit all corporal punishment (2014)

¹⁰ Prohibited in early childhood education centres

¹¹ Prohibited in Civil and Commercial Code 2014, in force 2016

¹² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015); draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹³ Unlawful in care institutions

¹⁴ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

¹⁵ Prohibited in all residential centres and foster care in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia

¹⁶ Prohibited in all states/territories except in Northern Territory and Tasmania; prohibition in childminding unconfirmed

¹⁷ Prohibited in all states/territories except Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia

¹⁸ Prohibited in all states/territories except Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia

¹⁹ Prohibited in 1989 amendment to General Civil Code, reiterated in Federal Constitutional Act on the Rights of Children 2011

²⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2009, 2013)

²¹ Prohibited in residential institutions

²² Prohibited in preschools and day care centres under the Early Childhood Care (National Standards) Regulations 2015

²³ But some legislation possibly still to be repealed

²⁴ Prohibited in 1984 but reintroduced in 1991

²⁵ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation; Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

²⁶ Unlawful under 2011 Supreme Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

²⁷ Prohibited in day nurseries

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Belgium	NO ²⁹	SOME ³⁰	NO	YES	YES	YES
Belize ³¹	NO	SOME ³²	SOME ³³	YES	SOME ³⁴	YES
Benin	YES³⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bermuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bhutan ³⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO ³⁷	[YES]	YES
Bolivia	YES³⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³⁹	SOME ⁴⁰	SOME ⁴¹	SOME ⁴²	YES	YES	YES
Botswana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Brazil	YES⁴³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
British Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Brunei Darussalam ⁴⁴	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁵	NO	NO	NO
Bulgaria	YES⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Burkina Faso ⁴⁷	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁸	SOME ⁴⁹	[YES]	YES
Burundi	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Cabo Verde	YES⁵⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cambodia	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Cameroon	NO	NO	[SOME] ⁵¹	YES	[YES]	YES
Canada	NO ⁵²	SOME ⁵³	SOME ⁵⁴	YES ⁵⁵	YES	YES

²⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2010) but stated it had already been implemented and all corporal punishment unlawful

²⁹ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016); Government gave a mixed response to UPR recommendations to prohibit (2016)

³⁰ Prohibited in institutions in Flemish community

³¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

³² Prohibited in residential care facilities

³³ Prohibited in day care centres

³⁴ Prohibited in "Youth Hostel" detention centre

³⁵ Prohibited in Children's Code 2015

³⁶ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

³⁷ Code of Conduct and ministerial directives state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

³⁸ Prohibited in Children and Adolescents Code 2014

³⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

⁴⁰ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴¹ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴² Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴³ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Children and Adolescents Code 1990

⁴⁴ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected others (2009)

⁴⁵ Prohibited in childcare centres

⁴⁶ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2000 (amended 2003) and Regulations on the Implementation of the Child Protection Act 2003

⁴⁷ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

⁴⁸ Prohibited in preschool settings

⁴⁹ Prohibited in primary schools

⁵⁰ Prohibited in Law on Children and Adolescents 2013

⁵¹ Possibly prohibited in nursery education

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Cayman Islands	NO	SOME ⁵⁶	NO	NO	NO	YES
Central African Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Chad ⁵⁷	NO	[SOME] ⁵⁸	[SOME] ⁵⁹	YES	[YES]	YES
Chile ⁶⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
China	NO ⁶¹	[NO]	SOME ⁶²	YES	YES	YES
Colombia	NO	[SOME] ⁶³	NO	[YES] ⁶⁴	[YES] ⁶⁵	SOME ⁶⁶
Comoros ⁶⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]
Congo, Republic of	YES⁶⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cook Islands	NO	NO	SOME ⁶⁹	YES	NO	YES
Costa Rica	YES⁷⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cote d'Ivoire	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁷¹	YES	YES
Croatia	YES⁷²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cuba ⁷³	NO	[SOME] ⁷⁴	[SOME] ⁷⁵	[YES]	YES	YES
Curacao	YES⁷⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cyprus	YES⁷⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Czech Republic	NO	SOME ⁷⁸	SOME ⁷⁹	YES	YES	YES

⁵² 2004 Supreme Court ruling limited but upheld parents' right to physically punish children; Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

⁵³ Prohibited in state provided care in Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba and in foster care in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario; in Ontario prohibited in provincially licensed childcare programmes and in foster homes for children receiving services from provincially licensed/approved child protection agency or other service provider

⁵⁴ Prohibited in all states/territories except New Brunswick

⁵⁵ Unlawful under 2004 Supreme Court ruling but this not yet confirmed in laws relating to private schools and to all schools in Alberta and Manitoba

⁵⁶ Prohibited in community homes, registered children's homes and state-organised foster care

⁵⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in 2009 but rejected recommendation to prohibit in 2013

⁵⁸ Possibly prohibited in institutional care settings

⁵⁹ Possibly prohibited in institutions

⁶⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); prohibiting legislation under discussion (2016)

⁶¹ But corporal punishment of girls prohibited in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone

⁶² Prohibited in nurseries and kindergartens

⁶³ Possibly unlawful in care institutions

⁶⁴ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁵ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁶ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁶⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); draft legislation which would prohibit possibly under discussion (2014)

⁶⁸ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Child 2010

⁶⁹ Prohibited in institutions providing early childhood education

⁷⁰ Prohibited in 2008 amendments to Code on Children and Adolescents and Family Code

⁷¹ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁷² Prohibited in Family Act 1998, superceded by Family Act 2003

⁷³ Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition

⁷⁴ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

⁷⁵ Possibly prohibited in preschool institutions

⁷⁶ Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2011

⁷⁷ Prohibited in Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Law 1994, reiterated in Act on Violence in the Family 2000; right "to administer punishment" formally repealed from Children's Law 1956 in 2013

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Denmark	YES⁸⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Djibouti	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Dominica	NO	NO	SOME ⁸¹	NO	NO	NO
Dominican Republic ⁸²	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
DPR Korea ⁸³	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸⁴	[YES]	[YES]
DR Congo	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Ecuador ⁸⁵	NO	NO	SOME ⁸⁶	YES	YES	SOME ⁸⁷
Egypt	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸⁸	[YES] ⁸⁹	YES
El Salvador ⁹⁰	NO	NO	SOME ⁹¹	YES	YES	YES
Equatorial Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Eritrea	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁹²	[NO]	YES
Estonia	YES⁹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ethiopia ⁹⁴	NO	SOME ⁹⁵	SOME ⁹⁶	YES	YES	YES
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES	YES
Faroe Islands	YES⁹⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fiji ⁹⁸	NO	NO	NO	YES ⁹⁹	YES	YES
Finland	YES¹⁰⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
France ¹⁰¹	NO	NO	NO	YES ¹⁰²	YES	YES

⁷⁸ Unlawful in institutions

⁷⁹ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸⁰ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, reiterated in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007

⁸¹ Prohibited in early childhood education facilities

⁸² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2009) and adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition; prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

⁸³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁸⁴ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁸⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸⁶ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸⁷ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁸⁸ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁸⁹ Possibly lawful in social welfare institutions

⁹⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2010); commitment reaffirmed at Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute meeting (2014)

⁹¹ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁹² Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁹³ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2014, in force January 2016

⁹⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment but rejected recommendation to criminalise it (2014)

⁹⁵ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁶ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁷ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Danish Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, in force in Faroe Islands from 2007

⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁹⁹ Unlawful under 2002 High Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

¹⁰⁰ Prohibited in Child Custody and Rights of Access Act 1983

¹⁰¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2013) but stated that acceptance of recommendations did not necessarily imply a commitment to further action

¹⁰² But courts have recognised a "right of correction"

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
French Guiana	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
French Polynesia	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Gabon	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁰³	YES	YES	YES
Gambia	NO	NO ¹⁰⁴	NO	NO ¹⁰⁵	NO	YES
Georgia ¹⁰⁶	NO	[SOME] ¹⁰⁷	NO	YES	YES	YES
Germany	YES¹⁰⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ghana ¹⁰⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁰	SOME ¹¹¹	YES
Gibraltar	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹¹²	YES
Greece	YES¹¹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Greenland	YES¹¹⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Grenada	NO	SOME ¹¹⁵	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁶
Guadeloupe	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guam	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Guatemala ¹¹⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guernsey	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁸	[SOME] ¹¹⁹	YES
Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹²⁰	[NO]	YES
Guinea-Bissau ¹²¹	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Guyana	NO	SOME ¹²²	SOME ¹²³	NO	SOME ¹²⁴	SOME ¹²⁵
Haiti	NO ¹²⁶	[YES] ¹²⁷	[YES] ¹²⁸	YES	YES	YES
Honduras	YES¹²⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹⁰³ Prohibited in preschool provision

¹⁰⁴ Minimum standards for residential childcare institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁵ Ministerial directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁰⁷ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

¹⁰⁸ Prohibited in 2000 amendment to Civil Code

¹⁰⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2008, 2012) but also defended “reasonable” punishment and has asserted existing legislation is adequate

¹¹⁰ Ministerial directive possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹¹¹ Prohibited in prisons

¹¹² Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹¹³ Prohibited in Law 3500/2006 on the Combating of Intra-family Violence 2006

¹¹⁴ Prohibited in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007, in force in Greenland April 2016

¹¹⁵ Prohibited in childcare homes

¹¹⁶ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice Act 2012, not yet in force

¹¹⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2008) and in all settings (2012) but has also said existing law prohibits

¹¹⁸ Government directive reportedly states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹¹⁹ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹²⁰ Ministerial circular possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹²¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹²² Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

¹²³ Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

¹²⁴ Prohibited for persons under 17

¹²⁵ Prohibited for persons under 17

¹²⁶ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹²⁷ Prohibition in foster care unconfirmed

¹²⁸ Prohibition in crèches and childminding unconfirmed

¹²⁹ Prohibited in 2013 amendments to Family Code and Civil Code

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Hong Kong	NO	NO	SOME ¹³⁰	YES	YES	YES
Hungary	YES¹³¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Iceland	YES¹³²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
India ¹³³	NO	SOME ¹³⁴	NO ¹³⁵	SOME ¹³⁶	YES ¹³⁷	SOME ¹³⁸
Indonesia ¹³⁹	NO	NO ¹⁴⁰	NO	NO	YES	SOME ¹⁴¹
Iran	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴²	NO ¹⁴³	YES	NO
Iraq	NO ¹⁴⁴	NO	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁵	YES
Ireland	YES¹⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Isle of Man	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁷	SOME ¹⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES
Israel	YES¹⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italy	NO ¹⁵⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jamaica	NO	YES	SOME ¹⁵¹	NO ¹⁵²	YES	YES
Japan ¹⁵³	SOME ¹⁵⁴	NO	NO	YES ¹⁵⁵	NO	YES
Jersey	NO	SOME ¹⁵⁶	NO	[NO]	YES	YES
Jordan ¹⁵⁷	NO	[SOME] ¹⁵⁸	[NO]	YES	[YES]	YES

¹³⁰ Prohibited in childcare centres, mutual help childcare centres and possibly in preschool settings

¹³¹ Prohibited in 2004 amendment to Child Protection Act 1997

¹³² Prohibited in Children's Act 2003

¹³³ Commitment to prohibition in all settings confirmed in report to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2011); Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

¹³⁴ Prohibited in care institutions except in Jammu and Kashmir; bill which would prohibit in all childcare institutions under discussion (2014)

¹³⁵ Bill which would prohibit in anganwadi centres and playschools under discussion (2014)

¹³⁶ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds except in Jammu and Kashmir; not prohibited in religious schools

¹³⁷ But prohibiting law not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir

¹³⁸ Permitted in traditional justice systems

¹³⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2017)

¹⁴⁰ National Standards of Care for Child Welfare Institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴¹ Lawful under Shari'a law

¹⁴² Prohibited in day care centres (kindergartens)

¹⁴³ Government directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴⁴ But possibly prohibited in Kurdistan

¹⁴⁵ Prohibited in prisons and detention centres

¹⁴⁶ Prohibited in 2015 amendment to Offences Against the Person (Non Fatal) Act 1997

¹⁴⁷ Prohibited in children's homes and for registered providers of foster care

¹⁴⁸ Prohibited in registered day care centres and for registered childminders; possibly prohibited in preschools

¹⁴⁹ 2000 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing; "reasonable chastisement" defence repealed same year

¹⁵⁰ 1996 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing but this not yet confirmed in legislation

¹⁵¹ Prohibited in early childhood centres ("basic schools")

¹⁵² Prohibition under discussion (2015); see also note on day care

¹⁵³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit all corporal punishment (2008, 2012) but denied that "right to discipline" allows corporal punishment and stated that legislation adequately protects children from "excessive" discipline (2012)

¹⁵⁴ Prohibited in Kawasaki City by local ordinance

¹⁵⁵ But Tokyo High Court has ruled some physical punishment may be lawful in some circumstances

¹⁵⁶ Prohibited in residential homes, homes run by voluntary organisations and foster care

¹⁵⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2009) but stated current laws do not prescribe corporal punishment and subsequently limited but did not repeal right to discipline according to "general custom"

¹⁵⁸ Possibly prohibited in institutions

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Kazakhstan	NO	[SOME] ¹⁵⁹	SOME ¹⁶⁰	YES	YES	YES
Kenya	YES¹⁶¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kiribati ¹⁶²	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Kuwait ¹⁶³	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	[YES]
Kyrgyzstan ¹⁶⁴	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁵	NO	YES	[YES]	YES
Lao PDR	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁶	YES	YES	YES
Latvia	YES¹⁶⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lebanon	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁶⁸	[YES]	YES
Lesotho ¹⁶⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Liberia	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁰	SOME ¹⁷¹	NO	YES	YES
Libya	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁷²	YES	NO	NO
Liechtenstein	YES¹⁷³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lithuania	YES¹⁷⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Luxembourg	YES¹⁷⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macau	NO	[SOME] ¹⁷⁶	NO	YES	YES	YES
Madagascar	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Malawi	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁷	SOME ¹⁷⁸	[YES] ¹⁷⁹	YES	YES
Malaysia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸⁰
Maldives ¹⁸¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸²	NO	NO
Mali	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁸³	YES	YES	YES

¹⁵⁹ Possibly prohibited in children's villages

¹⁶⁰ Prohibited in preschool education and training

¹⁶¹ Prohibited in Constitution 2010 but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁶² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings and repeal "reasonable punishment" defence (2015)

¹⁶³ Government accepted 2010 UPR recommendation to prohibit but subsequently stated existing law adequate; Government accepted 2015 recommendation to prohibit but appeared to defend "simple discipline"

¹⁶⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁶⁵ Prohibited in residential institutions

¹⁶⁶ Unlawful in early childhood education settings

¹⁶⁷ Prohibited in Children's Rights Protection Law 1998

¹⁶⁸ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁶⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment, stating it was being implemented (2010), but subsequent law reform prohibited only as sentence for crime

¹⁷⁰ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁷¹ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁷² Unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁷³ Prohibited in Children and Youth Act 2008

¹⁷⁴ Prohibited in 2017 amendments to Law on the Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child 1996

¹⁷⁵ Prohibited in Law on Children and the Family 2008

¹⁷⁶ Possibly prohibited in residential centres

¹⁷⁷ Prohibited in state-run institutions

¹⁷⁸ Prohibited in state-run day care

¹⁷⁹ Prohibition in private schools unconfirmed

¹⁸⁰ Government committed to prohibition (2007); bill which would prohibit (but not under Islamic law) under discussion (2015)

¹⁸¹ Government expressed commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation, but law reform in 2014/2015 re-authorised corporal punishment in all settings and Government rejected UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

¹⁸² Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Malta	YES ¹⁸⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Marshall Islands ¹⁸⁵	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁸⁶	YES	YES
Martinique	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Mauritania	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸⁷	NO	NO
Mauritius ¹⁸⁸	NO	NO	[SOME] ¹⁸⁹	YES	NO	YES
Mayotte	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Mexico ¹⁹⁰	SOME ¹⁹¹	SOME ¹⁹²	SOME ¹⁹³	YES	YES	YES
Micronesia ¹⁹⁴	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Monaco	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Mongolia	YES ¹⁹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Montenegro	YES ¹⁹⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Montserrat	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁹⁷	YES
Morocco ¹⁹⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁹⁹	YES	YES
Mozambique ²⁰⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁰¹	YES	YES
Myanmar	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁰²	NO	YES ²⁰³
Namibia ²⁰⁴	NO	SOME ²⁰⁵	SOME ²⁰⁶	YES	YES ²⁰⁷	YES ²⁰⁸
Nauru	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁰⁹	YES	YES	[YES]
Nepal ²¹⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

¹⁸³ Prohibited in preschools and kindergartens

¹⁸⁴ Prohibited in 2014 amendment to Criminal Code but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

¹⁸⁶ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸⁷ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁸⁸ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹⁸⁹ Possibly unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁹⁰ Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) and End Violence National Action Plan 2017-2018, which both recommend full prohibition; prohibition included in General Law on the Rights of Children and Adolescents 2014 but further reform needed

¹⁹¹ Prohibited in the state of Guanajuato

¹⁹² Prohibited in institutions

¹⁹³ Prohibited in institutions

¹⁹⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁹⁵ Prohibited in Law on the Rights of Children 2016 and Law on Child Protection 2016

¹⁹⁶ Prohibited in 2016 amendments to Family Law 2007

¹⁹⁷ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

¹⁹⁹ Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁰⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁰¹ Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁰² Government directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁰³ But some legislation still to be repealed

²⁰⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁰⁵ Unlawful in state-run childcare under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

²⁰⁶ Unlawful in state-run childcare under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

²⁰⁷ Unlawful under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed; prohibited in Child Care and Protection Act 2014, not yet in force

²⁰⁸ Unlawful under 1991 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

²⁰⁹ Possibly prohibited in preschool education settings

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Netherlands	YES²¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Caledonia	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
New Zealand	YES²¹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nicaragua	YES²¹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Niger ²¹⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹⁵	NO	YES
Nigeria	NO	NO	NO	NO ²¹⁶	SOME ²¹⁷	SOME ²¹⁸
Niue	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Northern Mariana Islands	NO	NO	[NO]	NO	[YES]	YES
Norway	YES²¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Oman ²²⁰	NO	NO	[SOME] ²²¹	YES	NO	[YES]
Pakistan ²²²	SOME ²²³	SOME ²²⁴	SOME ²²⁵	SOME ²²⁶	SOME ²²⁷	SOME ²²⁸
Palau ²²⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Panama ²³⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Papua New Guinea ²³¹	NO	SOME ²³²	NO	NO	YES	YES
Paraguay	YES²³³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peru	YES²³⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²¹⁰ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation; 2005 Supreme Court ruling removed legal defence for corporal punishment by parents, guardians and teachers; draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²¹¹ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

²¹² Prohibited in Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act 2007

²¹³ Prohibited in Family Code 2014, in force April 2015

²¹⁴ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

²¹⁵ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²¹⁶ But possibly prohibited in Lagos State

²¹⁷ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states

²¹⁸ Prohibited in Child Rights Act 2003, not enacted in all states; lawful in some states under Shari'a law

²¹⁹ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, confirmed in further amendments 2010 following 2005 Supreme Court decision supportive of "lighter smacks"

²²⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

²²¹ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

²²² Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following 2005 UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation, confirmed 2014 in Government launch of national campaign for law reform

²²³ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

²²⁴ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

²²⁵ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

²²⁶ Prohibited for 5-16 year olds in Punjab; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

²²⁷ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice System Ordinance 2000, not applicable in all areas and other laws not amended/repealed; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

²²⁸ Lawful under Shari'a law; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

²²⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2011, 2016)

²³⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

²³¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

²³² Corporal punishment of children "in the care of the Director" prohibited

²³³ Prohibited in Law on promotion of good treatment, positive parenting and protection of children and adolescents against corporal punishment or any type of violence as a method of correction or discipline 2016

²³⁴ Prohibited in Law prohibiting physical and other humiliating punishment against children and adolescents 2015

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Philippines ²³⁵	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pitcairn Islands	YES ²³⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Poland	YES ²³⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Portugal	YES ²³⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Puerto Rico	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Qatar ²³⁹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁴⁰	YES	NO
Republic of Korea ²⁴¹	SOME ²⁴²	SOME ²⁴³	SOME ²⁴⁴	SOME ²⁴⁵	YES	YES
Republic of Kosovo	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁶	YES	YES	YES
Republic of Moldova	YES ²⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Reunion	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Romania	YES ²⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Russian Federation	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES
Rwanda ²⁵⁰	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Samoa ²⁵¹	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵²	SOME ²⁵³	YES	YES
San Marino	YES ²⁵⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sao Tome and Principe ²⁵⁵	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	[YES]	[YES]
Saudi Arabia ²⁵⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁷	NO	NO
Senegal ²⁵⁸	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵⁹	[YES]	YES

²³⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home and other settings (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²³⁶ Prohibited in Children Ordinance 2003, amended 2009

²³⁷ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Family and Guardianship Code 1964

²³⁸ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Penal Code

²³⁹ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected another similar one, stating corporal punishment already prohibited (2010)

²⁴⁰ Code of Conduct for schools states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁴¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012) but was unclear on need for prohibition in the home

²⁴² Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴³ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁴ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁵ Law prohibits direct (with contact) but not indirect (no contact) physical punishment; fully prohibited in Seoul, Gyeonggi province, Gwangju City and Jeollabukdo province

²⁴⁶ Prohibited in preschool provision

²⁴⁷ Prohibited in 2008 amendment to Family Code

²⁴⁸ Prohibited in Law on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child 2004

²⁴⁹ Unlawful in preschool provision

²⁵⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings and to repeal the "right of correction" (2011, 2015)

²⁵¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2011)

²⁵² Prohibited in early childhood centres

²⁵³ Prohibited in government schools for children aged 5-14

²⁵⁴ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Penal Code and Law of 26 April 1986 No. 49 on Family Law Reform

²⁵⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011, 2015)

²⁵⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit corporal punishment in schools and penal system but stated already prohibited in schools and care settings (2009); recommendations to prohibit in 2013 UPR rejected

²⁵⁷ Ministerial circulars advise against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁵⁸ Draft legislation to prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁵⁹ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Serbia ²⁶⁰	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶¹	YES	YES	YES
Seychelles ²⁶²	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁶³	NO	YES
Sierra Leone ²⁶⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Singapore	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶⁵	NO	NO	NO
Slovakia ²⁶⁶	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Slovenia	YES²⁶⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Solomon Islands ²⁶⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES ²⁶⁹
Somalia	NO	SOME ²⁷⁰	SOME ²⁷¹	[SOME] ²⁷²	SOME ²⁷³	SOME ²⁷⁴
South Africa ²⁷⁵	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Sudan	YES²⁷⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spain	YES²⁷⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sri Lanka ²⁷⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁷⁹	SOME ²⁸⁰	YES
St Barthelemy	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	NO	SOME ²⁸¹	SOME ²⁸²	YES	YES	YES
St Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ²⁸³
St Lucia ²⁸⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
St Maarten	YES²⁸⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
St Martin	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Pierre et Miquelon	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

²⁶⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2008, 2013)

²⁶¹ Prohibited in day care which forms part of education system

²⁶² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁶³ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁶⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all circumstances (2016)

²⁶⁵ Prohibited in childcare centres

²⁶⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009); prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

²⁶⁷ Prohibited in Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Prevention of Family Violence 2016

²⁶⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011) but stated review of Penal Code included assessing need for clarification on lawful corporal punishment

²⁶⁹ But used in traditional justice

²⁷⁰ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷¹ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷² Possibly prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷³ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁴ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁷⁶ Prohibited in Transitional Constitution 2011, confirming pre-independence prohibition in Interim Constitution 2005 and Child Act 2008

²⁷⁷ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

²⁷⁸ Commitment to prohibition in all settings, including the home, made at July 2006 meeting of South Asia Forum, following UN Study on Violence against Children regional consultation

²⁷⁹ Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁸⁰ Prohibited in prisons

²⁸¹ Prohibited in children's homes

²⁸² Prohibited in preschool education

²⁸³ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁸⁴ Government accepted some but not all UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

²⁸⁵ Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2013

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
St Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
State of Palestine	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸⁶	[SOME] ²⁸⁷	[SOME] ²⁸⁸
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸⁹	NO	[YES] ²⁹⁰
Suriname	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹¹	YES	YES
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	YES²⁹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Swaziland	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sweden	YES²⁹³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Switzerland	NO ²⁹⁴	[SOME] ²⁹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES
Syrian Arab Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹⁶	NO	YES
Taiwan	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁹⁷	YES	YES	YES
Tajikistan ²⁹⁸	NO	NO	SOME ²⁹⁹	YES	NO	YES
TFYR Macedonia	YES³⁰⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Thailand ³⁰¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Timor-Leste ³⁰²	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Togo	YES³⁰³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tokelau	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Tonga	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰⁴	YES	[YES]	NO ³⁰⁵
Trinidad and Tobago	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tunisia	YES³⁰⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turkey ³⁰⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Turkmenistan	YES³⁰⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²⁸⁶ Prohibited in UNRWA schools and in East Jerusalem; elsewhere Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁸⁷ Possibly unlawful in East Jerusalem

²⁸⁸ Possibly unlawful in Gaza

²⁸⁹ Prohibited in Khartoum State

²⁹⁰ Possibly lawful under Shari'a law

²⁹¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in schools (2011)

²⁹² Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, further amended to confirm prohibition in 2010

²⁹³ Prohibited in 1979 amendment to Parenthood and Guardianship Code

²⁹⁴ 2003 Federal Court ruling stated repeated and habitual corporal punishment unacceptable but did not rule out all corporal punishment in childrearing

²⁹⁵ Possibly lawful in family placements

²⁹⁶ Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁹⁷ Possibly prohibited in care centres

²⁹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

²⁹⁹ Prohibited in preschool education settings

³⁰⁰ Prohibited in Law on Child Protection 2013

³⁰¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012 and 2016)

³⁰² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2011)

³⁰³ Prohibited in Children's Code 2007

³⁰⁴ Prohibited in preschool institutions

³⁰⁵ 2010 Court of Appeal ruling stated "it might be argued" whipping is unconstitutional but did not declare it such

³⁰⁶ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Penal Code

³⁰⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

³⁰⁸ Prohibited in Law on Guarantees of the Rights of the Child 2002, reiterated in Family Code 2012

State	Prohibited in the home	Prohibited in alternative care settings	Prohibited in day care	Prohibited in schools	Prohibited in penal institutions	Prohibited as sentence for crime
Turks and Caicos Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ³⁰⁹	YES
Tuvalu ³¹⁰	NO	SOME ³¹¹	NO	NO	SOME ³¹²	SOME ³¹³
Uganda ³¹⁴	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
UK	NO	SOME ³¹⁵	SOME ³¹⁶	YES ³¹⁷	YES	YES
Ukraine	YES³¹⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
United Arab Emirates	NO	NO	NO	YES	[YES]	NO
UR Tanzania	NO	SOME ³¹⁹	NO	NO	SOME ³²⁰	SOME ³²¹
Uruguay	YES³²²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
USA	NO	SOME ³²³	SOME ³²⁴	SOME ³²⁵	SOME ³²⁶	YES
US Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Uzbekistan	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Vanuatu	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	SOME ³²⁷
Venezuela	YES³²⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Viet Nam	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Wallis and Futuna Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Western Sahara	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]
Yemen	NO	NO	[SOME] ³²⁹	YES	YES	NO
Zambia ³³⁰	NO	NO	SOME ³³¹	YES	YES	YES ³³²
Zimbabwe ³³³	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ³³⁴

³⁰⁹ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

³¹⁰ Government accepted 2008 UPR recommendation to prohibit but in 2013 accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit and rejected others

³¹¹ Prohibited in hospital mental health wing

³¹² Corporal punishment by police officers prohibited

³¹³ Island courts may order corporal punishment

³¹⁴ Government Bill which would prohibit in all settings tabled in 2015 but failed to progress through parliament

³¹⁵ Prohibited in residential institutions and foster care arranged by local authorities and voluntary organisations

³¹⁶ Prohibited in day care and childminding in England, Wales and Scotland; in Northern Ireland, guidance states physical punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

³¹⁷ But in 2014 Government confirmed no prohibition in “unregistered independent settings providing part-time education”

³¹⁸ Prohibited in Family Code 2003

³¹⁹ Prohibited in residential institutions in Zanzibar

³²⁰ Prohibited in approved schools and remand homes in Zanzibar

³²¹ Prohibited in Zanzibar

³²² Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Civil Code and Children and Adolescents Code 2004

³²³ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²⁴ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²⁵ Prohibited in public schools in 29 states and District of Columbia, and in public and private schools in Iowa and New Jersey; federal bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

³²⁶ Prohibited in 32 states

³²⁷ Permitted in rural areas under customary justice systems

³²⁸ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents 1998

³²⁹ Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

³³⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

³³¹ Prohibited in preschool provision

³³² Unlawful under 1999 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

³³³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

Note

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³³⁴ 2014 High Court ruling declaring judicial corporal punishment unconstitutional not yet confirmed by Constitutional Court