

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 April 2019, 54 states and seven territories have achieved prohibition in all settings, including the home; governments of at least 56 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	54 states 7 territories	61 states 7 territories	61 states 7 territories	131 states 15 territories	141 states 36 territories	167 states 39 territories
Not fully prohibited	145 states 32 territories	138 states 32 territories	138 states 32 territories	68 states 24 territories	58 states 3 territories	32 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	YES¹⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	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 ²⁵	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Bangladesh ²⁶	NO	NO	NO	YES ²⁷	NO	NO
Barbados	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸	NO	NO	NO

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 Prohibited in 2016 amendments to Civil Code 2001

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, 2018)

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 Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2017)

²⁶ 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, 2018)

²⁷ Unlawful under 2011 Supreme Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

²⁸ 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
Belarus ²⁹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Belgium	NO ³⁰	SOME ³¹	NO	YES	YES	YES
Belize ³²	NO	SOME ³³	SOME ³⁴	YES	SOME ³⁵	YES
Benin	YES³⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bermuda	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bhutan ³⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO ³⁸	[YES]	YES
Bolivia	YES³⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁴⁰	SOME ⁴¹	SOME ⁴²	SOME ⁴³	YES	YES	YES
Botswana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Brazil	YES⁴⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
British Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Brunei Darussalam ⁴⁵	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁶	NO	NO	NO
Bulgaria	YES⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Burkina Faso ⁴⁸	NO	NO	SOME ⁴⁹	SOME ⁵⁰	[YES]	YES
Burundi	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Cabo Verde	YES⁵¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cambodia	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Cameroon	NO	NO	[SOME] ⁵²	YES	[YES]	YES
Canada	NO ⁵³	SOME ⁵⁴	SOME ⁵⁵	YES ⁵⁶	YES	YES

²⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2010) but stated it had already been implemented and all corporal punishment unlawful

³⁰ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016); Government gave a mixed response to UPR recommendations to prohibit (2016)

³¹ Prohibited in institutions in Flemish community

³² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009)

³³ Prohibited in residential care facilities

³⁴ Prohibited in day care centres

³⁵ Prohibited in "Youth Hostel" detention centre

³⁶ Prohibited in Children's Code 2015

³⁷ 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

³⁸ Code of Conduct and ministerial directives state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

³⁹ Prohibited in Children and Adolescents Code 2014

⁴⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

⁴¹ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴² Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴³ Prohibited in Republic of Srpska

⁴⁴ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Children and Adolescents Code 1990

⁴⁵ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected others (2009)

⁴⁶ Prohibited in childcare centres

⁴⁷ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2000 (amended 2003) and Regulations on the Implementation of the Child Protection Act 2003

⁴⁸ Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2014)

⁴⁹ Prohibited in preschool settings

⁵⁰ Prohibited in primary schools

⁵¹ Prohibited in Law on Children and Adolescents 2013

⁵² 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 ⁵⁷	NO	NO	NO	YES
Central African Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Chad ⁵⁸	NO	[SOME] ⁵⁹	[SOME] ⁶⁰	YES	[YES]	YES
Chile ⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
China	NO ⁶²	[NO]	SOME ⁶³	YES	YES	YES
Colombia	NO	[SOME] ⁶⁴	NO	[YES] ⁶⁵	[YES] ⁶⁶	SOME ⁶⁷
Comoros ⁶⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]
Congo, Republic of	YES⁶⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cook Islands	NO	NO	SOME ⁷⁰	YES	NO	YES
Costa Rica	YES⁷¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cote d'Ivoire	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁷²	YES	YES
Croatia	YES⁷³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cuba ⁷⁴	NO	[SOME] ⁷⁵	[SOME] ⁷⁶	[YES]	YES	YES
Curacao	YES⁷⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cyprus	YES⁷⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

⁵³ 2004 Supreme Court ruling limited but upheld parents' right to physically punish children; Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

⁵⁴ 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

⁵⁵ Prohibited in all states/territories except Quebec

⁵⁶ 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

⁵⁷ Prohibited in community homes, registered children's homes and state-organised foster care

⁵⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in 2009 but rejected recommendation to prohibit in 2013

⁵⁹ Possibly prohibited in institutional care settings

⁶⁰ Possibly prohibited in institutions

⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); prohibiting legislation under discussion (2016)

⁶² But corporal punishment of girls prohibited in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone

⁶³ Prohibited in nurseries and kindergartens

⁶⁴ Possibly unlawful in care institutions

⁶⁵ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁶ Prohibition in indigenous communities unconfirmed

⁶⁷ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁶⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2014); draft legislation which would prohibit possibly under discussion (2014)

⁶⁹ Prohibited in Law on the Protection of the Child 2010

⁷⁰ Prohibited in institutions providing early childhood education

⁷¹ Prohibited in 2008 amendments to Code on Children and Adolescents and Family Code

⁷² Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁷³ Prohibited in Family Act 1998, superseded by Family Act 200; prohibition reiterated in Act on Protection against Violence in the Family 2017

⁷⁴ Government adopted Central American Regional Roadmap on Violence against Children (2011) which recommends full prohibition

⁷⁵ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

⁷⁶ Possibly prohibited in preschool institutions

⁷⁷ Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2011

⁷⁸ 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
Czech Republic	NO	SOME ⁷⁹	SOME ⁸⁰	YES	YES	YES
Denmark	YES⁸¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Djibouti	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Dominica	NO	NO	SOME ⁸²	NO	NO	NO
Dominican Republic ⁸³	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
DPR Korea ⁸⁴	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸⁵	[YES]	[YES]
DR Congo	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Ecuador ⁸⁶	NO	NO	SOME ⁸⁷	YES	YES	SOME ⁸⁸
Egypt	NO	NO	NO	[NO] ⁸⁹	[YES] ⁹⁰	YES
El Salvador ⁹¹	NO	NO	SOME ⁹²	YES	YES	YES
Equatorial Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Eritrea	NO	NO	NO	NO ⁹³	[NO]	YES
Estonia	YES⁹⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Eswatini	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Ethiopia ⁹⁵	NO	SOME ⁹⁶	SOME ⁹⁷	YES	YES	YES
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES	YES
Faroe Islands	YES⁹⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fiji ⁹⁹	NO	NO	NO	YES ¹⁰⁰	YES	YES
Finland	YES¹⁰¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
France ¹⁰²	NO	NO	NO	YES ¹⁰³	YES	YES

⁷⁹ Unlawful in institutions

⁸⁰ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸¹ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, reiterated in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007

⁸² Prohibited in early childhood education facilities

⁸³ 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)

⁸⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

⁸⁵ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁸⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

⁸⁷ Prohibited in preschool provision

⁸⁸ Lawful in indigenous communities

⁸⁹ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but possibly no prohibition in law

⁹⁰ Possibly lawful in social welfare institutions

⁹¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2010); commitment reaffirmed at Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute meeting (2014)

⁹² Prohibited in preschool provision

⁹³ Policy states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

⁹⁴ Prohibited in Child Protection Act 2014, in force January 2016

⁹⁵ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment but rejected recommendation to criminalise it (2014)

⁹⁶ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁷ Prohibited in institutions

⁹⁸ Prohibited in 1997 amendment to Danish Parental Custody and Care Act 1995, in force in Faroe Islands from 2007

⁹⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2014)

¹⁰⁰ Unlawful under 2002 High Court ruling, not yet confirmed in legislation

¹⁰¹ Prohibited in Child Custody and Rights of Access Act 1983

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 ¹⁰⁴	YES	YES	YES
Gambia	NO	NO ¹⁰⁵	NO	NO ¹⁰⁶	NO	YES
Georgia ¹⁰⁷	NO	[SOME] ¹⁰⁸	NO	YES	YES	YES
Germany	YES¹⁰⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ghana ¹¹⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹¹	SOME ¹¹²	YES
Gibraltar	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹¹³	YES
Greece	YES¹¹⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Greenland	YES¹¹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Grenada	NO	SOME ¹¹⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁷
Guadeloupe	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guam	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	YES
Guatemala ¹¹⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Guernsey	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹¹⁹	[SOME] ¹²⁰	YES
Guinea	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹²¹	[NO]	YES
Guinea-Bissau ¹²²	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Guyana	NO	SOME ¹²³	SOME ¹²⁴	NO	[YES]	YES
Haiti	NO ¹²⁵	[YES] ¹²⁶	[YES] ¹²⁷	YES	YES	YES
Honduras	YES¹²⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹⁰² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2013) but stated that acceptance of recommendations did not necessarily imply a commitment to further action

¹⁰³ But courts have recognised a “right of correction”

¹⁰⁴ Prohibited in preschool provision

¹⁰⁵ Minimum standards for residential childcare institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁶ Ministerial directive advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹⁰⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁰⁸ Possibly prohibited in care institutions

¹⁰⁹ Prohibited in 2000 amendment to Civil Code

¹¹⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2008, 2012, 2017) and reportedly made a commitment to prohibit by 2019 to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2015)

¹¹¹ Ministerial directive possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹¹² Prohibited in prisons

¹¹³ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹¹⁴ Prohibited in Law 3500/2006 on the Combating of Intra-family Violence 2006

¹¹⁵ Prohibited in Danish Act on Parental Responsibility 2007, in force in Greenland April 2016

¹¹⁶ Prohibited in childcare homes

¹¹⁷ Prohibited in Juvenile Justice Act 2012, not yet in force

¹¹⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2008) and in all settings (2012) but has also said existing law prohibits

¹¹⁹ Government directive reportedly states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹²⁰ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

¹²¹ Ministerial circular possibly advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

¹²² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

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

¹²⁴ Prohibited in some but not all settings in Child Care and Services Development Act 2011

¹²⁵ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015)

¹²⁶ Prohibition in foster care unconfirmed

¹²⁷ Prohibition in crèches and childminding unconfirmed

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 ¹²⁹	YES	YES	YES
Hungary	YES¹³⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Iceland	YES¹³¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
India ¹³²	NO	SOME ¹³³	NO ¹³⁴	SOME ¹³⁵	YES ¹³⁶	SOME ¹³⁷
Indonesia ¹³⁸	NO	NO ¹³⁹	NO	NO	YES	SOME ¹⁴⁰
Iran	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴¹	NO ¹⁴²	YES	NO
Iraq	NO ¹⁴³	NO	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁴	YES
Ireland	YES¹⁴⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Isle of Man	NO	SOME ¹⁴⁶	SOME ¹⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES
Israel	YES¹⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italy	NO ¹⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jamaica	NO	YES	SOME ¹⁵⁰	NO ¹⁵¹	YES	YES
Japan ¹⁵²	SOME ¹⁵³	NO	NO	YES ¹⁵⁴	NO	YES
Jersey	NO	SOME ¹⁵⁵	NO	[NO]	YES	YES
Jordan ¹⁵⁶	NO	[SOME] ¹⁵⁷	[NO]	YES	[YES]	YES

¹²⁸ Prohibited in 2013 amendments to Family Code and Civil Code

¹²⁹ Prohibited in childcare centres, mutual help childcare centres and possibly in preschool settings

¹³⁰ Prohibited in 2004 amendment to Child Protection Act 1997

¹³¹ Prohibited in Children's Act 2003

¹³² 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)

¹³³ Prohibited in care institutions except in Jammu and Kashmir; bill which would prohibit in all childcare institutions under discussion (2014)

¹³⁴ Bill which would prohibit in anganwadi centres and playschools under discussion (2014)

¹³⁵ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds except in Jammu and Kashmir; not prohibited in religious schools

¹³⁶ But prohibiting law not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir

¹³⁷ Permitted in traditional justice systems

¹³⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2017)

¹³⁹ National Standards of Care for Child Welfare Institutions state corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴⁰ Lawful under Shari'a law

¹⁴¹ Prohibited in day care centres (kindergartens)

¹⁴² Government directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁴³ But possibly prohibited in Kurdistan

¹⁴⁴ Prohibited in prisons and detention centres

¹⁴⁵ Prohibited in 2015 amendment to Offences Against the Person (Non Fatal) Act 1997

¹⁴⁶ Prohibited in children's homes and for registered providers of foster care

¹⁴⁷ Prohibited in registered day care centres and for registered childminders; possibly prohibited in preschools

¹⁴⁸ 2000 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing; "reasonable chastisement" defence repealed same year

¹⁴⁹ 1996 Supreme Court judgment ruled against all violence in childrearing but this not yet confirmed in legislation

¹⁵⁰ Prohibited in early childhood centres ("basic schools")

¹⁵¹ Prohibition under discussion (2015); see also note on day care

¹⁵² 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)

¹⁵³ Prohibited in Kawasaki City by local ordinance

¹⁵⁴ But Tokyo High Court has ruled some physical punishment may be lawful in some circumstances

¹⁵⁵ Prohibited in residential homes, homes run by voluntary organisations and foster care

¹⁵⁶ 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"

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] ¹⁵⁸	SOME ¹⁵⁹	YES	YES	YES
Kenya	YES¹⁶⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kiribati ¹⁶¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Kuwait ¹⁶²	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	[YES]
Kyrgyzstan ¹⁶³	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁴	NO	YES	[YES]	YES
Lao PDR	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁵	YES	YES	YES
Latvia	YES¹⁶⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lebanon	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁶⁷	[YES]	YES
Lesotho ¹⁶⁸	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Liberia	NO	SOME ¹⁶⁹	SOME ¹⁷⁰	NO	YES	YES
Libya	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁷¹	YES	NO	NO
Liechtenstein	YES¹⁷²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lithuania	YES¹⁷³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Luxembourg	YES¹⁷⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macau	NO	[SOME] ¹⁷⁵	NO	YES	YES	YES
Madagascar	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	NO	YES
Malawi	NO	SOME ¹⁷⁶	SOME ¹⁷⁷	[YES] ¹⁷⁸	YES	YES
Malaysia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁷⁹
Maldives ¹⁸⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸¹	NO	NO

¹⁵⁷ Possibly prohibited in institutions

¹⁵⁸ Possibly prohibited in children's villages

¹⁵⁹ Prohibited in preschool education and training

¹⁶⁰ Prohibited in Constitution 2010 but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings and repeal "reasonable punishment" defence (2015)

¹⁶² 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"

¹⁶³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

¹⁶⁴ Prohibited in residential institutions

¹⁶⁵ Unlawful in early childhood education settings

¹⁶⁶ Prohibited in Children's Rights Protection Law 1998

¹⁶⁷ Ministerial directive states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁶⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to abolish corporal punishment, stating it was being implemented (2010), but subsequent law reform prohibited only as sentence for crime

¹⁶⁹ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁷⁰ Corporal punishment by child protection practitioners prohibited

¹⁷¹ Unlawful in preschool provision

¹⁷² Prohibited in Children and Youth Act 2008

¹⁷³ Prohibited in 2017 amendments to Law on the Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child 1996

¹⁷⁴ Prohibited in Law on Children and the Family 2008

¹⁷⁵ Possibly prohibited in residential centres

¹⁷⁶ Prohibited in state-run institutions

¹⁷⁷ Prohibited in state-run day care

¹⁷⁸ Prohibition in private schools unconfirmed

¹⁷⁹ Government committed to prohibition (2007); bill which would prohibit (but not under Islamic law) under discussion (2015)

¹⁸⁰ 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)

¹⁸¹ 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
Mali	NO	NO	SOME ¹⁸²	YES	YES	YES
Malta	YES¹⁸³	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Marshall Islands ¹⁸⁴	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ¹⁸⁵	YES	YES
Martinique	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Mauritania	NO	NO	NO	NO ¹⁸⁶	[SOME] ¹⁸⁷	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	YES¹⁹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Montenegro	YES¹⁹⁶	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

¹⁸² Prohibited in preschools and kindergartens

¹⁸³ Prohibited in 2014 amendment to Criminal Code but some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

¹⁸⁵ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

¹⁸⁶ Ministerial Order states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

¹⁸⁷ Child Protection Code prohibits corporal punishment of children in the penitentiary system but possibly not all institutions, and we have been unable to confirm whether the Code has been gazetted

¹⁸⁸ Bill which would prohibit under discussion (2015); Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2019)

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, and accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2018); 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

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
Nauru	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁰⁹	YES	YES	[YES]
Nepal	YES ²¹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Netherlands	YES ²¹¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Caledonia	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
New Zealand	YES ²¹²	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nicaragua	YES ²¹³	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
North Macedonia	YES ²¹⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Northern Mariana Islands	NO	NO	[NO]	NO	[YES]	YES
Norway	YES ²²⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Oman ²²¹	NO	NO	[SOME] ²²²	YES	NO	[YES]
Pakistan ²²³	SOME ²²⁴	SOME ²²⁵	SOME ²²⁶	SOME ²²⁷	SOME ²²⁸	SOME ²²⁹
Palau ²³⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Panama ²³¹	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Papua New Guinea ²³²	NO	SOME ²³³	NO	NO	YES	YES
Paraguay	YES ²³⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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

²⁰⁹ Possibly prohibited in preschool education settings

²¹⁰ Prohibited in Act relating to Children 2018

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 Law on Child Protection 2013

²²⁰ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, confirmed in further amendments 2010 following 2005 Supreme Court decision supportive of "lighter smacks"

²²¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2015)

²²² Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

²²³ 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

²²⁴ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

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

²²⁶ Prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, in Islamabad Capital Territory and in Sindh

²²⁷ Prohibited for 5-16 year olds in Punjab; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan, Islamabad Capital Territory and Sindh

²²⁸ 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

²²⁹ Lawful under Shari'a law; prohibited in Pakistan administered Gilgit-Baltistan

²³⁰ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2011, 2016)

²³¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

²³² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

²³³ Corporal punishment of children "in the care of the Director" prohibited

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
Peru	YES ²³⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Philippines ²³⁶	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pitcairn Islands	YES ²³⁷	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Poland	YES ²³⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Portugal	YES ²³⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Puerto Rico	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Qatar ²⁴⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁴¹	YES	NO
Republic of Korea ²⁴²	SOME ²⁴³	SOME ²⁴⁴	SOME ²⁴⁵	SOME ²⁴⁶	YES	YES
Republic of Kosovo	NO	NO	SOME ²⁴⁷	YES	YES	YES
Republic of Moldova	YES ²⁴⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Reunion	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Romania	YES ²⁴⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Russian Federation	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵⁰	YES	YES	YES
Rwanda ²⁵¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Samoa ²⁵²	NO	NO	SOME ²⁵³	SOME ²⁵⁴	YES	YES
San Marino	YES ²⁵⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sao Tome and Principe ²⁵⁶	NO	NO	NO	[YES]	[YES]	[YES]
Saudi Arabia ²⁵⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁵⁸	NO	NO

²³⁴ 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

²³⁵ Prohibited in Law prohibiting physical and other humiliating punishment against children and adolescents 2015

²³⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home and other settings (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²³⁷ Prohibited in Children Ordinance 2003, amended 2009

²³⁸ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Family and Guardianship Code 1964

²³⁹ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Penal Code

²⁴⁰ Government accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit but rejected another similar one, stating corporal punishment already prohibited (2010)

²⁴¹ Code of Conduct for schools states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁴² Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012) but was unclear on need for prohibition in the home

²⁴³ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁴ Prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁵ Law prohibits direct (with contact) but not indirect (no contact) physical punishment in kindergartens; fully prohibited in Seoul

²⁴⁶ Law prohibits direct (with contact) but not indirect (no contact) physical punishment; fully prohibited in Seoul, Gyeonggi province, Gwangju City and Jeollabukdo province

²⁴⁷ Prohibited in preschool provision

²⁴⁸ Prohibited in 2008 amendment to Family Code

²⁴⁹ Prohibited in Law on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child 2004

²⁵⁰ Unlawful in preschool provision

²⁵¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings and to repeal the "right of correction" (2011, 2015)

²⁵² Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2011)

²⁵³ Prohibited in early childhood centres

²⁵⁴ Prohibited in government primary schools

²⁵⁵ Prohibited in 2014 amendments to Penal Code and Law of 26 April 1986 No. 49 on Family Law Reform

²⁵⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011, 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
Senegal ²⁵⁹	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶⁰	[YES]	YES
Serbia ²⁶¹	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶²	YES	YES	YES
Seychelles ²⁶³	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶⁴	[YES] ²⁶⁵	NO	YES
Sierra Leone ²⁶⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Singapore	NO	NO	SOME ²⁶⁷	NO	NO	NO
Slovakia ²⁶⁸	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Slovenia	YES²⁶⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Solomon Islands ²⁷⁰	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES ²⁷¹
Somalia	NO	SOME ²⁷²	SOME ²⁷³	[SOME] ²⁷⁴	SOME ²⁷⁵	SOME ²⁷⁶
South Africa ²⁷⁷	NO ²⁷⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
South Sudan	YES²⁷⁹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spain	YES²⁸⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sri Lanka ²⁸¹	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁸²	SOME ²⁸³	YES
St Barthelemy	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	NO	SOME ²⁸⁴	SOME ²⁸⁵	YES	YES	YES

²⁵⁷ 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

²⁵⁸ Ministerial circulars advise against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁵⁹ Draft legislation to prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁶⁰ Prohibited for 6-14 year olds

²⁶¹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2008, 2013)

²⁶² Prohibited in day care which forms part of education system

²⁶³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2016)

²⁶⁴ Prohibited in preschool education

²⁶⁵ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁶⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all circumstances (2016)

²⁶⁷ Early Childhood Development Centres Regulations 2018 prohibit corporal punishment in early childhood development centres

²⁶⁸ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2009); prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015)

²⁶⁹ Prohibited in Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Prevention of Family Violence 2016

²⁷⁰ 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

²⁷¹ But used in traditional justice

²⁷² Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷³ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁴ Possibly prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁵ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁶ Prohibited in Somaliland

²⁷⁷ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in the home (2012); bill which would prohibit under discussion (2016)

²⁷⁸ 2017 High Court decision ruled the common law defence of "reasonable chastisement" to be unconstitutional but prohibition in law must still be enacted

²⁷⁹ Prohibited in Transitional Constitution 2011, confirming pre-independence prohibition in Interim Constitution 2005 and Child Act 2008

²⁸⁰ Prohibited in 2007 amendment to Civil Code

²⁸¹ 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 and reiterated in 2017 when the Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit

²⁸² Ministerial circular states corporal punishment should not be used but no prohibition in law

²⁸³ Prohibited in prisons

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 Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ²⁸⁶
St Lucia ²⁸⁷	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
St Maarten	YES²⁸⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
St Martin	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Pierre et Miquelon	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
St Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
State of Palestine	NO	NO	NO	SOME ²⁸⁹	[SOME] ²⁹⁰	[SOME] ²⁹¹
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	[SOME] ²⁹²	NO	[YES] ²⁹³
Suriname	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹⁴	YES	YES
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	YES²⁹⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sweden	YES²⁹⁶	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Switzerland	NO ²⁹⁷	[SOME] ²⁹⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES
Syrian Arab Republic	NO	NO	NO	NO ²⁹⁹	NO	YES
Taiwan	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰⁰	YES	YES	YES
Tajikistan ³⁰¹	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰²	YES	NO	YES
Thailand ³⁰³	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Timor-Leste ³⁰⁴	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Togo	YES³⁰⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tokelau	NO	[NO]	[NO]	[YES]	[YES]	YES
Tonga	NO	NO	SOME ³⁰⁶	YES	[YES]	NO ³⁰⁷
Trinidad and Tobago	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

²⁸⁴ Prohibited in children's homes

²⁸⁵ Prohibited in preschool education

²⁸⁶ But some legislation still to be formally repealed

²⁸⁷ Government accepted some but not all UPR recommendations to prohibit (2015)

²⁸⁸ Prohibited in Joint Custody Ordinance 2013

²⁸⁹ Prohibited in UNRWA schools and in East Jerusalem; elsewhere Ministerial direction advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

²⁹⁰ Possibly unlawful in East Jerusalem

²⁹¹ Possibly unlawful in Gaza

²⁹² Possibly prohibited in Khartoum State for children aged 6-13

²⁹³ Possibly lawful under Shari'a law

²⁹⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in schools (2011)

²⁹⁵ Prohibited in 1987 amendment to Parent and Child Act 1981, further amended to confirm prohibition in 2010

²⁹⁶ Prohibited in 1979 amendment to Parenthood and Guardianship Code

²⁹⁷ 2003 Federal Court ruling stated repeated and habitual corporal punishment unacceptable but did not rule out all corporal punishment in childrearing

²⁹⁸ Possibly lawful in family placements

²⁹⁹ Ministry of Education advises against corporal punishment but no prohibition in law

³⁰⁰ Prohibited in preschools and community, tribal and workplace cooperative early childhood care institutions for children between two and six

³⁰¹ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

³⁰² Prohibited in preschool education settings

³⁰³ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit in all settings (2012 and 2016)

³⁰⁴ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit (2011)

³⁰⁵ Prohibited in Children's Code 2007

³⁰⁶ Prohibited in preschool institutions

³⁰⁷ 2010 Court of Appeal ruling stated "it might be argued" whipping is unconstitutional but did not declare it such

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
Tunisia	YES ³⁰⁸	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turkey ³⁰⁹	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Turkmenistan	YES ³¹⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turks and Caicos Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	[YES] ³¹¹	YES
Tuvalu ³¹²	NO	SOME ³¹³	NO	NO	SOME ³¹⁴	SOME ³¹⁵
Uganda ³¹⁶	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
UK	NO	SOME ³¹⁷	SOME ³¹⁸	YES ³¹⁹	YES	YES
Ukraine	YES ³²⁰	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
United Arab Emirates ³²¹	NO	NO	NO	YES	[YES]	NO
UR Tanzania	NO	SOME ³²²	NO	NO	SOME ³²³	SOME ³²⁴
Uruguay	YES ³²⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
USA	NO	SOME ³²⁶	SOME ³²⁷	SOME ³²⁸	SOME ³²⁹	YES
US Virgin Islands	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Uzbekistan	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Vanuatu	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	SOME ³³⁰
Venezuela	YES ³³¹	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]

³⁰⁸ Prohibited in 2010 amendment to Penal Code

³⁰⁹ Government accepted UPR recommendations to prohibit (2010, 2015)

³¹⁰ Prohibited in Law on Guarantees of the Rights of the Child 2002, reiterated in Family Code 2012

³¹¹ Unlawful in prisons; prohibition in other penal institutions unconfirmed

³¹² Government accepted 2008 UPR recommendation to prohibit but in 2013 accepted some UPR recommendations to prohibit and rejected others

³¹³ Prohibited in hospital mental health wing

³¹⁴ Corporal punishment by police officers prohibited

³¹⁵ Island courts may order corporal punishment

³¹⁶ Government Bill which would prohibit in all settings tabled in 2015 but failed to progress through parliament

³¹⁷ Prohibited in residential institutions and foster care arranged by local authorities and voluntary organisations

³¹⁸ 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

³¹⁹ But in 2014 Government confirmed no prohibition in “unregistered independent settings providing part-time education”

³²⁰ Prohibited in Family Code 2003

³²¹ Government supported UPR recommendations to prohibit (2018)

³²² Prohibited in residential institutions in Zanzibar

³²³ Prohibited in approved schools and remand homes in Zanzibar

³²⁴ Prohibited in Zanzibar

³²⁵ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Civil Code and Children and Adolescents Code 2004

³²⁶ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²⁷ Prohibited in all care settings in 31 states, and in some settings in other states and District of Columbia

³²⁸ 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 (2019)

³²⁹ Prohibited in 32 states

³³⁰ Permitted in rural areas under customary justice systems

³³¹ Prohibited in 2007 amendments to Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents 1998

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
Yemen	NO	NO	[SOME] ³³²	YES	YES	NO
Zambia ³³³	NO	NO	SOME ³³⁴	YES	YES	YES ³³⁵
Zimbabwe ³³⁶	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES ³³⁷

Note

The above information is based wherever possible on examination of national legislation; additional information is gathered from many sources, including reports to and by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies. **Information in square brackets is unconfirmed.** We are very grateful to government officials, UNICEF and other UN agencies, NGOs and human rights institutions, and many individuals who have assisted us in our research. We welcome corrections and updates: email info@endcorporalpunishment.org. For further details on all states see the individual state reports at www.endcorporalpunishment.org.

³³² Possibly prohibited in preschool provision

³³³ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2012)

³³⁴ Prohibited in preschool provision

³³⁵ Unlawful under 1999 Supreme Court ruling but some legislation still to be repealed

³³⁶ Government accepted UPR recommendation to prohibit in all settings (2011)

³³⁷ 2014 High Court ruling declaring judicial corporal punishment unconstitutional confirmed by 2019 Constitutional Court decision but some legislation still to be repealed