

# Human Rights Across the Government of Canada

The following federal departments are active on various aspects of the human rights file:

## Justice Canada

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- Responsible for providing legal and legal policy advice relating to domestic and international human rights law.

## Global Affairs Canada

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- Views human rights from an international and foreign policy perspective.
- [Promotes and protects human rights as an integral part of Canada's efforts abroad.](#)

## Canadian Heritage

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- Places human rights in more of a cultural context, making awareness of and respect for them rights not simply a matter of law, but an integral part of Canada's culture and heritage.
- Home of the [Human Rights Program](#).

## Status of Women Canada

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- Focus is on the [rights of women](#).

## Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

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- Focus is on the [rights of Indigenous peoples](#)

## Employment and Social Development Canada

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| Office of Disability Issues | ➤ Focus is on the rights of people with disabilities |
| Labour Program              | ➤ Focus is on rights in the workplace                |
| International Relations     | ➤ Focus is on international human rights             |

## Public Health Agency of Canada / Health Canada

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- Focus is on the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
- Government of Canada co-lead, with Justice Canada, on the federal implementation of the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)