

EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO LIFE SHALL BE PROTECTED BY LAW

WHAT DOES THE RIGHT SAY?

"Everyone's right to life shall be protected by law. No-one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a court following his conviction of a crime for which this penalty is provided by law. Deprivation of life shall not be regarded as in contravention of this Article when it results from the use of force which is no more than absolutely necessary:

- a. in defence of any person from unlawful violence;
- b. in order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;
- c. in action lawfully taken for the purpose of quelling a riot or insurrection."

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- The most basic right of all.
- We have a right to life and cannot be unjustly killed by another human.
- It's in all major human rights conventions.
- The US Declaration of Independence guarantees "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN PLAIN ENGLISH?

- The state mustn't take life unless it's necessary, such as in self-defence, for arrest or to deal with a riot.
- The state must positively protect life by enforcing criminal laws, protecting life under immediate threat and avoiding accidental deaths.
- Deaths which happen when people are being looked after by the state must be properly investigated.

THREE KEY THINGS THAT IT DOES FOR US

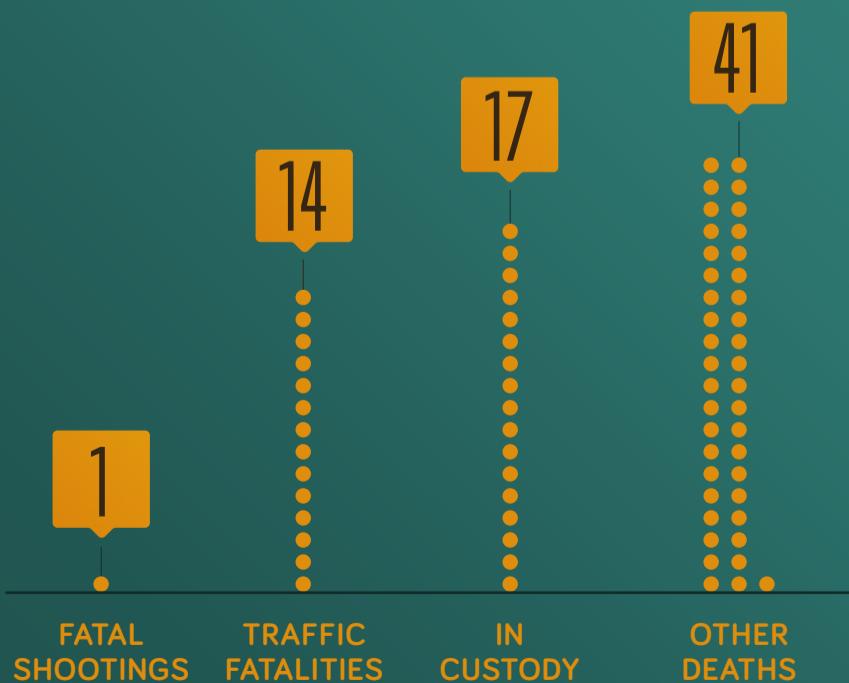
Landmark court cases:

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| 1998 | The police must act on threats to our lives – Osman, Europe
Ahmet's teacher stalked his family but the police did nothing. He killed Ahmet's dad. This breached the family's rights to life. |
| 2013 | Soldiers are protected in combat zones – Smith, UK
Families of soldiers who died because of faulty equipment. The right to life meant the Army couldn't hide behind immunity laws. |
| 2013 | Doctors, police and social workers must protect life – Rabone, UK
Melanie killed herself after a psychiatric hospital released her too early. Her right to life was breached. |

WHY IS IT NEEDED NOW?

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE KILLED BY POLICE

People killed during or following police contact in England and Wales, 2014-2015



THE DEATH PENALTY IS STILL WITH US

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COUNTRIES THAT RETAIN THE DEATH PENALTY



Over 4,000 people were put to death last year. Three quarters of these people lived in China.