

# Conflict & Limiting its Effects with International Humanitarian Law (IHL)



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## Values of Civilian Protection

The IHL believes that all people are entitled respect for their lives and humane treatment, especially in wartime

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## Enforcement

IHL helps reduce the impact of war by protecting civilians and setting rules for how conflicts are fought. Enforcing these laws depends on governments, international organizations, and courts to hold violators accountable. Stronger enforcement, like war crime trials and sanctions, can make a real difference in easing the suffering caused by conflicts.



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## Law During Warfare

IHL is only applicable during armed conflict and outlines the rules of warfare. These rules are intended to uphold humanitarian rights which include the protection of civilians, prisoners, sick and wounded, and refugees. Violations of these laws can be considered war crimes

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## Implementation

The Red Cross outlines IHL as a universal set of rules that therefore have similar implementation strategies across borders. IHL conventions and protocols are translated into country languages, all violations are suppressed through criminal legislation, fundamental protection is guaranteed, and protected people under the law are identified immediately

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## Question

- What is protection?
- What instruments make up international humanitarian law?
- What are the basic rules of international humanitarian law



## Answer

Protection prevents a pattern of abuse and alleviates its immediate effects through responsive action. This means adequate living conditions, rehabilitation, and respect.

IHL consists of a large number of international treaties that have been developed since 1864

It's forbidden to kill or injure an enemy who surrenders; wounded as sick must be cared for; dignity and rights of captured combatants must be respected; warfare has limits

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## Relevance Today

In Ukraine, the IHL facilitates the evacuation of civilians from besieged areas, the creation of humanitarian corridors, and the prevention of attacks on crucial civilian infrastructure. The IHL currently is challenged by warring parties in Gaza and is often difficult to enforce during war time.

