

# MALAYSIA

## National Policies and Laws for Child Protection and Child Rights

LAWS OF MALAYSIA Child Act 2001

[https://lom.agc.gov.my/ilims/upload/portal/akta/LOM/EN/010218\\_Act%20611\\_final.pdf](https://lom.agc.gov.my/ilims/upload/portal/akta/LOM/EN/010218_Act%20611_final.pdf)

Source : Malaysian Government

CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN MALAYSIA

<https://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org/upload/pdf/7583983452Child%20protection%20system%20in%20Malaysia.pdf>

Source : UNICEF

Child Protection in Malaysia

<https://www.unhcr.org/my/child-protection-malaysia>

By : UNHCR Malaysia

Child Protection Policy 2020 National Early Childhood Intervention Council

<https://necicmalaysia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/NECIC-Child-Protection-Policy-2020-9June2021-accessible.pdf>

BY: (NECIC)

# Child Labour and trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation

- Under Malaysian labour law, the minimum age for employment is regulated by the **Children and Young Persons (Employment) Act 1966**. Under this Law:  
children under 15 generally cannot be employed, and young persons aged 15– 18 may work only in specified, non - hazardous jobs under strict conditions.

2024 Trafficking in Persons Report: Malaysia

<https://my.usembassy.gov/2024-trafficking-in-persons-report-malaysia/>

By: US Embassy in Malaysia

The Sexual Exploitation of Children in Malaysia

<https://ecpat.org/story/the-sexual-exploitation-of-children-in-malaysia/>

By: ECPAT

Stop Sex Trafficking of children and young people

<https://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org/upload/pdf/3179146875SEX%20TRAFFICKING%20OF%20CHILDREN%20IN%20MALAYSIA.pdf>

By: ECPAT

Migration and Child protection Risk

<https://www.unicef.org/eap/media/13431/file/ASEAN%20CABM%20Malaysia%20case%20study.pdf>

By: UNICEF

# Child Abuse / Online Abuse /Domestic Violence

KUALA LUMPUR: Amendments to the **Child Act 2001** in 2016 has made it a comprehensive law to protect children from abuse nationwide, the Dewan Rakyat heard today.

CHILD ABUSE IN MALAYSIA: LEGAL MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND PROTECTION OF THE VICTIM

[https://www.unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS\\_No100/No100\\_IP\\_Malaysia.pdf](https://www.unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS_No100/No100_IP_Malaysia.pdf)

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Disrupting Harm in Malaysia

Protecting children in Malaysia from online sexual exploitation & abuse

<https://www.unicef.org/malaysia/reports/disrupting-harm-malaysia>

Source; UNICEF

Helplines in Malaysia for abuse & domestic violence.

<https://findahelpline.com/countries/my/topics/abuse-domestic-violence>

Source: Find a helpline

DISRUPTING HARM IN MALAYSIA Evidence on online child sexual exploitation and abuse

[https://www.end-violence.org/files/sites/default/files/2022-09/dh\\_malaysia\\_online\\_final.pdf](https://www.end-violence.org/files/sites/default/files/2022-09/dh_malaysia_online_final.pdf)

Source: UNICEF/ECPAT/INTERPOL/End violence against Children

## CHILD MARRIAGE

- In Malaysia, the legal age for marriage varies between Muslim and non-Muslim children.
- **Under the Civil Law**, the minimum legal age for marriage is 18 years for both boys and girls. Marriages below this age are generally prohibited, and registration with the National Registration Department is required.
- Islamic family law is governed by Shariah courts, which have jurisdiction over marriage, divorce, and custody. Minimum age for marriage is 16 for girls and 18 for boys, but Shariah Judges can get permission for underage marriage if deemed appropriate.

Malaysia's Federal Constitution gave each state the power to implement and change certain sections of the law as they see fit.

#### Child Marriage in Malaysia

[https://www.unicef.org/malaysia/media/1801/file/Child\\_marriage\\_brief\\_factsheet\\_%28ENG%29.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/malaysia/media/1801/file/Child_marriage_brief_factsheet_%28ENG%29.pdf)

Source: UNICEF

#### Child Marriages in Malaysia: Tradition, Law and Reform

<https://borgenproject.org/child-marriages-in-malaysia/>

Source: The Borgen Project

#### Breaking the Silence: Understanding Child Marriage in Malaysia

Source: youth Foundation

#### Towards Ending Child Marriage in Malaysia

<https://malaysia.un.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/Advocacy%20brief%20Towards%20ending%20child%20marriage%20in%20Malaysia.pdf>

Source: UNICEF

#### The prevalence of child marriage in Malaysia

<https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/g/385979>

Source: The Malaysian Institute

## JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- a) As per Section 82 of the Penal Code – nothing is an offence if it is done by a child under the age of ten years while by virtue of section 83, a child above ten but below twelve may be excused from any criminal liability if at the time of the commission of the crime he has not attained sufficient maturity of understanding to understand the nature and quality of his act.
- b) The Child Act 2001 provides special safeguards for young offenders under 18 years of age. The Court for Children operates under the Children Act 2001

THE MALAYSIAN JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

<https://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org/upload/pdf/1672867150Malaysian%20Juvenile%20Justice%20System.pdf>

<https://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org/upload/pdf/1672867150Malaysian%20Juvenile%20Justice%20System.pdf>

Source: Law Gratis

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN MALAYSIA

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/the-juvenile-justice-system-in-malaysia/249784218>

Source : Slide share

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN MALAYSIA: CURRENT ISSUES AND  
PROMISING APPROACHES

[https://www.ocerint.org/intcess15\\_e-publication/papers/49.pdf](https://www.ocerint.org/intcess15_e-publication/papers/49.pdf)

Source ; Juvenile Delinquency in Malaysia

## EDUCATION

- The Education (Amendment) Bill 2025 - makes secondary schooling compulsory, and parents can be jailed for non-compliance.

A Glance At The Malaysian Education System

<https://studymalaysia.com/international/the-national-education-system/a-glance-at-the-malaysian-education-system>

Source: Study Malaysia

Level of education in Malaysia

<https://www.worlddata.info/asia/malaysia/education.php>

By: World Data

Complete Guide to Education in Malaysia: From Primary Schools to Universities 2025

<https://www.livinmalaysia.com/post/complete-guide-to-education-in-malaysia>

By: LIVEIN MALAYSIA

An Overview of the Education System in Malaysia --Nov 22, 2024

<https://generisonline.com/an-overview-of-the-education-system-in-malaysia/>

By: Generis Global Legal Service

Education System Profile -Education in Malaysia January 6, 2023

<https://wenr.wes.org/2023/01/education-in-malaysia-2>

By: WENR- World Education News & Reviews

## CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Persons with Disabilities Act 2008** – This Act affirms the Rights of persons with disabilities, including children with special needs, to access education and support services.

Children with disabilities

Children with disabilities have a right to be seen, valued and included

<https://www.unicef.org/malaysia/what-we-do/protection-violence/children-disabilities>

By: UNICEF

CARE OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

[https://hq.moh.gov.my/bpkk/images/Kesihatan\\_Orang\\_Kurang\\_Upaya/PDF/A\\_Series\\_Of\\_Six\\_Manuals\\_On\\_the\\_Management\\_Of\\_Children\\_With\\_Disabilities/6\\_Manual\\_On\\_Management\\_Of\\_Children\\_With\\_Personal\\_Social\\_Problems.pdf](https://hq.moh.gov.my/bpkk/images/Kesihatan_Orang_Kurang_Upaya/PDF/A_Series_Of_Six_Manuals_On_the_Management_Of_Children_With_Disabilities/6_Manual_On_Management_Of_Children_With_Personal_Social_Problems.pdf)

By: Ministry of Health

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED IN MALAYSIA

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1455730.pdf>

Source: Journal

Support to Parents of children with special needs to obtain their rights in inclusive education

<https://necicmalaysia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/FAQ-Inclusive-Education-Rights-7-Share.pdf>

By: Inclusive Education Rights

## Parents Training Manual

Malaysia's Pioneer Expert Education Programme for Parents -The largest collection of parenting articles by Malaysian Experts.

<https://mypositiveparenting.org/>

By: Positive Parenting

Parenting Resources -A hub for parenting tips in the midst of COVID-19

<https://www.unicef.org/malaysia/parenting-resources>

By: UNICEF Malaysia

The Power of Parents: Parental Involvement in Education

<https://teachformalaysia.org/my/the-power-of-parents-parental-involvement-in-education/>

By: Teach for Malaysia