

EDUCATOR RESOURCE—SEXUAL RIGHTS: ENTITLEMENT VS. ACCESS

What do you think?

1. Are you entitled to the right to access sexual health care that is free from **discrimination** and **stigma**? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
2. Are you entitled to the right to refuse the kind of **contraception** that your health care provider recommends? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
3. Are you entitled to the right to access contraception without a parent/guardian's permission? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
4. Are you entitled to the right to determine and have **autonomy** over your own body? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
5. Are you entitled to the right to access **comprehensive sexuality education** in every grade? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
6. Are you entitled to the right to determine if, when, and how you want to have a child? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
7. Are you entitled to the right to access safe and legal abortion? In reality, do all people have access to this right?
8. Are you entitled to the right to access a fair and just investigation if you report a sexual assault? In reality, do all people have access to this right?



QUICK TIP

Every answer follows the same general format and is meant to emphasize that all scenarios listed are rights that everyone is entitled to on the basis of being human. The answers also make the distinction between what is an entitlement and what is accessible to young people living in Canada. Even though everyone is entitled to these human rights, the reality is that not everyone has access to them due to a number of factors, including geography, socio-economic status, race, gender identity, and sexual orientation.