



Do's & Don'ts

In Child Protection

Module 3

Dos and Don'ts in the safeguarding of children

Dos

Organize outreach activities on children's rights, for example with local communities.

Always take the child's opinion into consideration.

Report violations of children's rights by UN peacekeepers and by host state police.

Always act in a child-friendly way and respect the dignity and rights of children in all interactions.

Consider the best interests of the child and do no harm principles in all interactions with children.

Don'ts

Use child labor, employ children for small tasks (shining shoes, washing car, cleaning house).

Take pictures of children without the consent of their parents or guardians.

Be discouraged if you cannot immediately help a child. If you report cases to the child protection adviser and the police child protection focal points responsible agencies will follow-up appropriately.

Casually spend your free time with local children.

Undertake tasks for which you are not trained or authorized to do, based on good intentions.

Module 4

Dos and Don'ts in the coordination with other actors

Dos

Involve communities when dealing with child protection issues.

Establish working relationships with other mission components and external actors that have roles and responsibilities around child protection.

Report all violations of children's rights to the Child Protection Advisor in a timely manner.

Look for opportunities for joint activities with local police, such as capacity-building, sensitization and patrolling.

Don'ts

Have direct discussions with local communities without involving the host State police.

Provide direct assistance to children.

Ignore the host State institutions in your child protection actions.

Negotiate with armed groups or armed forces for the release of child soldiers.

Module 5

Dos and Don'ts in monitoring and reporting

Dos	Don'ts
<p>Contribute to the monitoring and reporting of grave violations against children.</p>	<p>Ignore violations of children's rights that are not directly linked to armed conflict.</p>
<p>When reporting a violation of children's rights, always prioritize confidentiality and the child's safety.</p>	<p>When witnessing a child's right violation, collect information as a priority and attend to the child's needs after.</p>
<p>Promptly report all incidents involving violations of children's rights to the child protection advisers.</p>	<p>Interview a child who was victim of a grave violation for reporting to the MRM.</p>

Module 6 7 8

Dos and Don'ts in your roles and responsibilities

Dos	Don'ts
Support crime prevention actions of the host State police.	Tell host State police what to do, as you know better.
Advocate for detention as last resort to the host State police.	Ignore international standards for juvenile justice principles while mentoring host State police.
Promote child-friendly techniques when host State police interview children, and the best interests of the child.	Ignore international standards when host State police detain children together with adults.
Promote international standards when national law is in contravention of international law.	Ignore international standards when host State police does not allow for a parent or social worker to be present during the interview.
	Take a picture of a child.
	Ignore signs of distress in a child.