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THE CHARTER TURNS 35

The Charter protects the freedom of

conscience
religion
thought
belief
opinion
expression
peaceful assembly
association



FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

According to Statistics Canada, Canadians rank the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as our most important national symbol, beating out other symbols like hockey or the beaver.



BECAUSE OF THE CHARTER

Everyone is considered innocent until proven guilty under the law.



Legal
Rights

BECAUSE OF THE CHARTER

I have the right to live or seek work anywhere in Canada.



Mobility Rights

The Charter has been to outer space.

Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau took a copy of the Charter with him on one of his missions.



EQUALITY

BECAUSE OF THE CHARTER

I'm free to be myself and love whomever I want.

Equality Rights



All Canadians have the right to enter, stay in and leave Canada. The Charter also guarantees that you can look for work or set up a business anywhere in Canada.

MOBILITY RIGHTS

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE RIGHTS



English and French both have equal status, rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Parliament and government of Canada.

MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION RIGHTS



The Charter requires that provincial governments provide education to its citizens in the minority official language of the province where numbers warrant.

The Charter has been translated into 23 languages including Hindi, Japanese, Ukrainian and Inuktitut. It's also been published in English and French Braille.



The Charter has served as a model for human rights protections around the world. Among others, South Africa and New Zealand looked to the Charter when drafting their Bill of Rights.



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