

# Prevention of Cruelty to and Better Protection of Children Act 1895, Tasmania

1895 – 1936

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## Details

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The Better Protection of and Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act 1895 (Act No.59 Vict. No.10) provided for the punishment of anyone who ill-treated, neglected or abandoned a child in such a way that it caused suffering or damage to health. Anyone who persuaded someone else to do this could also be punished. Children mistreated by a guardian could be moved to another home. The Act made begging at any time illegal. It also limited the hours that children under the age of 15 could trade or perform in public, except in premises licensed for that purpose.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Prevention of Cruelty to and Better Protection of Children Act 1895, Tasmania (1895 – 1936)**
  - Infants' Welfare Act 1935, Tasmania (1935 - 1961)
  - Child Welfare Act 1960, Tasmania (1960 - 2003)
  - Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997, Tasmania (2000 - current)

## Related Entries

### Related Legislation

- [Youthful Offenders, Destitute and Neglected Children's Act 1896, Tasmania \(1896 - 1918\)](#)

Cruelty to children was dealt with by the *Prevention of Cruelty to and Better Protection of Children Act* (1895). This meant that the *Youthful Offenders, Destitute and Neglected Children's Act* did not address it.

## Resources

- Evans, Caroline, *Declining Volunteerism in Tasmania's Neglected Children's Department, 1896-1918*, Tasmanian Historical Studies, 2011
  - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), [To Remove and Protect](#), 2014
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