

Protecting Education

from the
Effects of
Armed Conflicts









Do not attack schools and universities. They are civilian objects and as such protected from attack.





Do not use schools and universities even when they are abandoned or evacuated for any military purpose. If you do, they will lose their protection from attack.





Do not base military forces or military equipment close to schools and universities this would put education and children at risk.





If a school or a university is used for military purpose by the enemy, consider all other options before attacking.





Do not recruit children under the age of 18 years. Child recruitment at, or en route to or from, school or university is an attack against education; and a grave violation of international humanitarian norms.





Do not attack, threat, harass, abduct or commit other violations against students, teachers and other people involved in education.





Take measures to ensure that all children receive education during armed conflict and promote programs working to prevent or respond to attacks on education.

Put these rules into practice. Respect them even if the enemy does not.

