

# ICCPR Article 18 §3

## Freedom to manifest one's religion



Article 18 §3 allows certain limitations on the freedom to manifest one's religion, if they are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect:

I Public safety

II Public order

III Public health

IV Public morals

V fundamental rights and freedoms of others



### Attention! No limitations are allowed on

- Freedom of thought
- Freedom of conscience
- Freedom to have or adopt a religion or belief of one's choice



National security is NOT included in the permitted grounds for limiting the freedom to manifest one's religion. Limitations for the purpose of protecting morals should not derive exclusively from a single social, philosophical or religious tradition.

Restrictions may not be imposed for discriminatory purpose or applied in a discriminatory manner.



Also refer:

[Checklist for monitoring illegitimate restrictions of ICCPR \(card No.2\)](#)