

ECHR rights and freedoms that may be most relevant to policing	Human rights which are most likely to be directly jeopardized in situations where force is used	Articles engaged when: – managing conflict – arresting offenders – responding to potentially dangerous situations
Article 2 – the right to life	✓	✓
Article 3 – prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	✓	✓
Article 5 – the right to liberty and security of the person		✓
Article 6 – the right to a fair trial		
Article 7 – no punishment without law		
Article 8 – the right to respect for private and family life	✓	✓
Article 9 – freedom of thought, conscience and religion		
Article 10 – freedom of expression		✓
Article 11 – freedom of assembly and association		✓
Article 14 – prohibition of discrimination		✓

## Article 2 – right to life

Article 2 of the ECHR states:

Everyone’s right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence of a court following his conviction of a crime for which this penalty is provided by law.

Article 2 imposes on EU states an obligation to safeguard life. This consists of the following main duties:

- an obligation to protect the right to life
- prohibition on the taking of life
- procedural obligation to investigate deaths resulting from the state’s use of force or from the state’s failure to protect the right to life.

Article 2 can also require, in certain well-defined circumstances, a positive obligation on the authorities to take preventive operational measures to protect an individual whose life is at risk from the criminal acts of another individual. Certain well-defined circumstances was defined in [Osman v United Kingdom \(1998\) 29 EHRR 245](#):

it must be established that the authorities knew or ought to have known at the time of the existence of a real and immediate risk to the life of an identified individual or individuals from the criminal acts of a third party and that they failed to take measures within the