5. Article 2: The right to life

This chapter discusses Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees the right to life. Topics that are covered include the obligation to protect the right to life by law; the obligation to take preventive action; the procedural obligation to investigate; the protection of the unborn child; and the prohibition of the taking of life by the use of force. The limitation on sentences of capital punishment in Article 2(1) has been interpreted by the Court as prohibiting them entirely. Article 2 prohibits deportation or extradition to face the risk of the loss of life abroad.

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