



Child Labor Laws in Liberia



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What is the problem?	What punishments are in place now?	Why is this not enough?	How can this be improved?
The Decent Work Act's punishments and solutions do not prevent people from breaking the law.	Fines under the current Decent Work Act (Section 6.5) are L\$500 for violations (USD \$3.16).	This fine is too small to stop employers from violating the Act and employing children.	Proposed amendments would impose fines up to \$80,500 (USD \$500) and/or up to 1 year imprisonment.

At the moment, Liberian Law doesn't protect children working on hazardous activities enough

What is the problem?	What could make enforcement easier?	What would this list include?	Could children ever work on these activities?
Hazardous activities are not clearly defined, which makes enforcement difficult or even impossible.	A Hazardous Work List regulation that lists activities prohibited for children would make enforcement easier and make work safer for children.	Activities considered dangerous for children and therefore activities children should not be employed in.	Yes, if an employer: 1. Took the steps to make the work safer 2. Provided adequate training, supervision, and safety protections.

Liberian Law should be updated to protect 13 and 14 year olds at work

What are the current Laws?	What could improve the Law?
Liberian Law permits children aged 13 and 14 to engage in light work if it does not interfere with school, or physically harm them.	A Light Work list identifying work safe for children would facilitate safe work and make enforcement easier.

