

# Sharing the Island



Imagine that you are part of a group of about 80 people on a ship that is caught in a storm at sea. The communication system has been disrupted and no messages can be sent or received. After several days, you find yourselves run aground on an island. There is some damage to the ship and a number of passengers have been thrown about and require medical attention.

When the storm ends later that night, the captain surveys the damage and reports to the passengers. The captain has found that 24 people have been injured, although no one is in danger of dying. There is enough food for 10 to 15 days. There are no other inhabitants of the island. The storm has thrown the ship very far off course, and because there has been no radio communication, it is not likely that it will be discovered soon.

Some rules need to be established to assure that the survivors can live together fairly, sharing the space and resources at their disposal. What are the basic rights that every person deserves? Develop a Charter of Human Rights for all citizens of the island, including a set of six to eight basic rights and corresponding responsibilities of all people. Also work out a means for resolving conflicts when the rights of any survivors collide or clash.

<i>Every person on this island has the right to...</i>	<i>This means that every person on this island has the responsibility to...</i>
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*In the case of a dispute between two persons or groups about basic rights and responsibilities, the following procedure is to be followed:*

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