

I. Equality and non-discrimination:

1. The permanent constitution of the State of Qatar for 2004 in its second part under the title "Guiding principles of the society" stipulates the following:

• Article 18:

The Qatari society is based on the values of justice, benevolence, freedom, equality, and high morals.

• Article 19:

The State shall maintain the pillars of the society and ensure security, stability, and equal opportunities for all citizens.

• Article 20:

The State shall strive to reinforce the spirit of national unity , solidarity, and fraternity among all citizens.

• Article 21:

The family is the basis of society. A Qatari family is founded on religion, ethics and patriotism. The Law shall regulate as necessary to protect the family, support its structure, strengthen its ties and protect mothers, children and the elderly.

- Part 3 of the constitution under the title "Public Rights and Duties", provides the following:

• Article 34:

Citizens shall be equal in terms of public rights and duties.

• Article 35

All persons are equal before the Law and there shall be no discrimination whatsoever on grounds of gender, race, language or religion.

- The right to equality and non-discrimination can be defined in accordance with articles 34 and 35 of the Constitution.

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2. No information is available on discrimination against older persons in the State of Qatar.

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3. No information is available.

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4. There are no specific areas where treatment varies depending on age.
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II. Neglect, violence and abuse:

2. The National Human Rights Committee has not received or monitored any complaints about forms of violence, neglect or ill-treatment of older persons.

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3. Legislation that applies in the context of older persons is the "Penal Code". However, The Penal Code does not address all forms of violence, neglect and ill-treatment experienced by older persons. The NHRC has many recommendations concerning a special and integrated law to protect the elderly.

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4. Article 51 of the Permanent Constitution of the State of Qatar states: "The right of inheritance shall be maintained and governed by Shari'a Law.", and article 52 provides that: " Every person who is a legal resident of the State of Qatar shall enjoy the protection of his person and property in accordance with the provisions of the Law."
- There is no specific legislation to protect the elderly against financial abuse, however protection is already covered within the framework of the provisions of Islamic law and various national legislation.