

**RECOGNISED PROTECTIVE EMBLEMS,
SYMBOLS & MARKINGS**



Medical and religious personnel & facilities
(military and civilian)

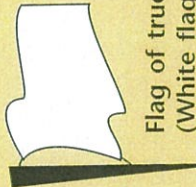


or



or

Civil Defence



Flag of truce
(White flag):
For negotiations
including intent
to surrender



United
Nations



Important
cultural property:
Monuments,
places of
worship,
museums



Dams, dykes, nuclear
power plants



Prisoner of War



Law of Armed Conflict

Code of Conduct

**for the
New Zealand
Defence Force**

Issued under authority of the Chief of Defence Force

**You are to respect persons and objects
either bearing or marked with such signs**

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CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the New Zealand Defence Force:

1. *Fight only opposing forces or persons taking a direct part in hostilities.*
2. *Attack only military objectives and destroy no more than the mission requires.*
3. *When attacking military objectives take care to minimise incidental civilian casualties and property damage.*
4. *Do not use prohibited weapons. Do not alter your weapons or ammunition.*
5. *Do not fight treacherously by falsely using the protections of the Law of Armed Conflict to harm the opposing force.*
6. *Collect and care for the wounded, sick and shipwrecked whether friend or enemy. Respect religious, medical, humanitarian and civil defence personnel, transports, buildings and equipment. Respect the dead.*
7. *Do not harm anyone who surrenders, is detained or is under your control. Treat them humanely, protect them from rape, abuse, torture or degrading treatment. Respect their property.*
8. *Respect civilians and civilian property. Respect cultural property and places of worship.*
9. *Respect the use of protective emblems, symbols and markings.*
10. *Uphold the Law of Armed Conflict by preventing and reporting violations.*

Disobedience of the Law of Armed Conflict dishonours the NZDF and New Zealand. Disobedience also renders you liable to Punishment as a war criminal

OBLIGATIONS & RIGHTS AS A PW OR DETAINEE

A. YOU ARE OBLIGED TO:

Show your identity card on demand.
Give only your name, rank, date of birth and Service number.
(Non-compliance may restrict privileges afforded your rank & status.)

B. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGED TO GIVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION.

You must be allowed to retain your ID card. (Any other military documents on your person may be taken from you.) You may give your religion and blood group.

C. YOU MAY NOT:

Be asked or forced to give up any rights and privileges under the Geneva Conventions 1949 and Additional Protocols 1977.
(The New Zealand Government will not, in any circumstances, agree to deprivation of these rights.)

D. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

To have access at all times to a copy of the Geneva Conventions 1949 and Additional Protocols 1977.

To send out a 'Capture Card for Prisoner of War' as described by Geneva Convention III, in no case later than seven days after you reach a PW camp.
To retain your rank and be afforded proper treatment and respect based on that rank.

To maintenance (food, water & clothing), adequate accommodation & necessary medical treatment.

To retain your personal effects (unless receipt given in return), protective & messing equipment.

To bring complaints to the officers of the detaining state and to representation with the CO of the PW or detainment camp.

Not to be exposed unnecessarily to combat fire.

E. IT IS YOUR DUTY:

Not to do any act to the detriment of fellow prisoners or detainees for favourable treatment.

To take reasonable steps to rejoin the New Zealand Armed Forces.

Experience shows that if you are aware of your rights and duties, you get better treatment.

Increased awareness also helps end illegal PW practices.