

# Freedom of Conscience

Freedom of conscience is one of the fundamental freedoms protected by section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. What is the legal impact of this freedom? Ultimately, the freedom of conscience constitutionally recognizes “the centrality of individual conscience

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## **Failing to Provide the Necessaries of Life: Freedom of Conscience and Religion, Parental Choice and Children’s Rights**

Introduction David and Collet Stephan were convicted in April 2016 of failing to provide the necessities of life (Criminal Codes 215(2)(b)) to their son Ezekiel, who died of meningitis in March 2012. A family friend and nurse had suggested to