



STANDING UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

THE JOURNEY OF THE MIDWIVES WHO CHOSE TO SAY

NO

HDC CODE OF CONSUMER RIGHTS

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Right 2 Right to freedom from discrimination, coercion, harassment, and exploitation.

Right 6 Right to be fully informed.

Right 7 Right to make an informed choice and give informed consent.

NZCOM STANDARDS FOR PRACTICE

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Standard 2 The midwife upholds each woman's right to free and informed choice and consent throughout the childbirth experience.

NZ BILL OF RIGHTS

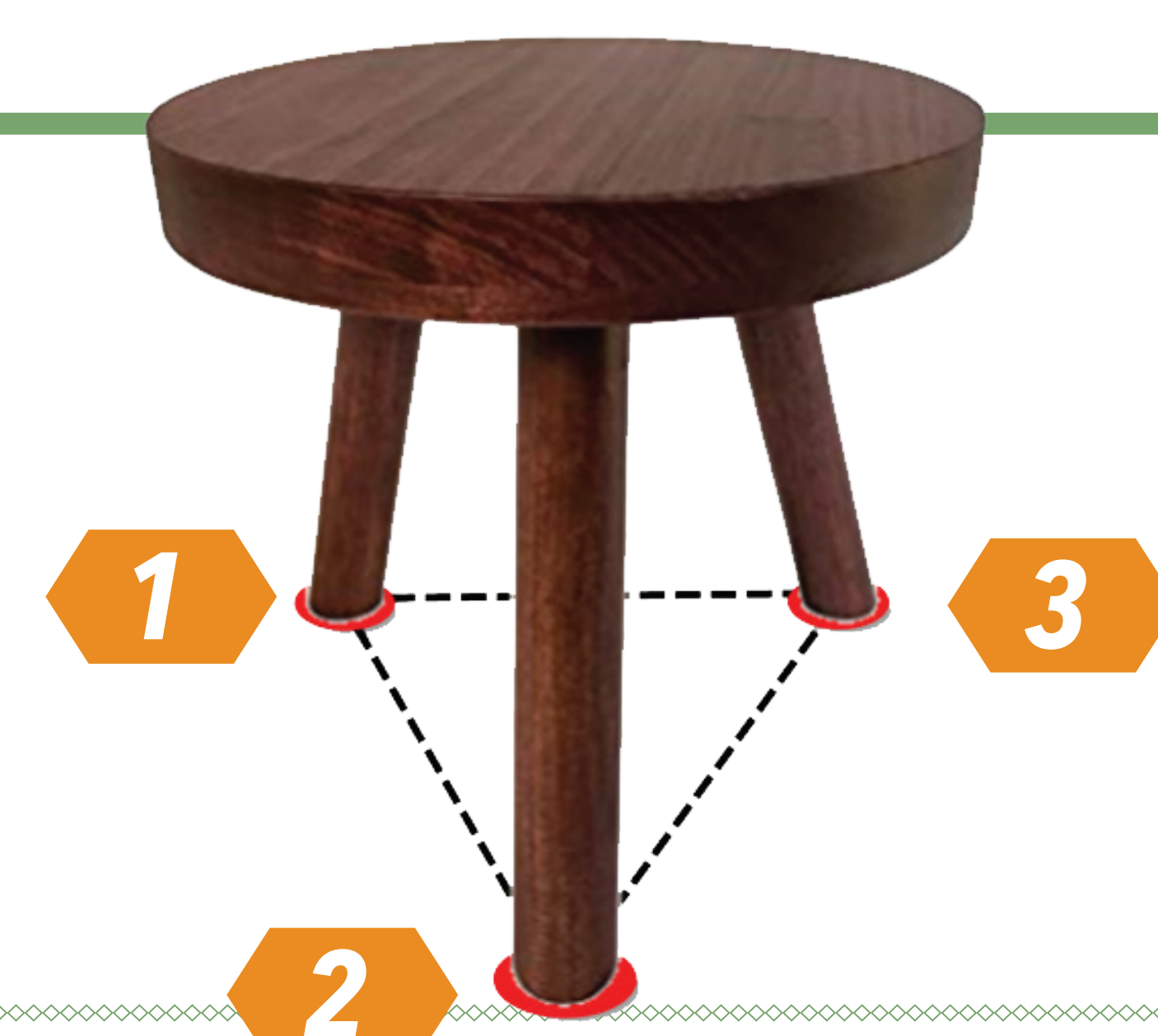
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Right 10 Right not to be subjected to medical or scientific experimentation.

Right 11 Right to refuse to undergo medical treatment.

INFORMED CONSENT

- MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE BENEFITS BUT ALSO ANY RISKS AND ALTERNATIVES.
- IT MUST BE FREE FROM COERCION AND THE THREAT OF BEING DENIED OUR RIGHTS TO WORK AS MIDWIVES.



“ Sitting on my human rights grounding stool, sipping on a cup of precautionary principle, I couldn't seem to reconcile the government's mandate with my ethical anchor. And it wasn't the influence of 'misinformation'. I didn't need conspiracy theories and rabbit holes, my stool gave me all the simplicity and certainty I needed. ”

~ Sarah Gilbertson (Midwife)



Aku Huia Kaimanawa Midwives Collective

- Over 300 midwives got together to raise concerns about the mandates.
- We took a case to the high court.
- We never stopped fighting injustice.
- Heartbreaking to see our numbers drop as midwives took the jobs to keep food on the table.
- Over 200 midwives were mandated out of practice; less than half have returned. Some lost their homes. Some were prosecuted. All were ridiculed and ostracised because they stood up for human rights.

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