

The Family

The family in Sweden is extremely important and as such, the rights of children are well protected.

The rights afforded to Swedish families to ensure that they are able to adequately care for their children are some of the best rights in the world. An overview of these rights is as follows:

- * Either the mother or father is entitled to be absent from work until their child reaches 18 months old.
- * Either parent has the right to reduce their workload by 25% until their child reaches 8 years old (and is formally ready for school).
- * A parental allowance is paid for 480 days, which is intended for both parents. Sixty of these days must be used by the 'minority' parents. For this reason, this element of the allowance is often known as 'Daddy's months'.
- * You have the right to up to 60 days off per year to care for a sick child.
- * A number of people in Sweden however, challenge the degree to which these rights are truly positive as statistics suggest that women often fall way behind their male colleague in respect to position in pay.
- * Anyone traveling to Sweden will notice the family friendly environment of most restaurants and other such establishments. Even trains have a toy and play area!

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