

## [National Laws](#)

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

# Belarus - Bélarus - Belarrús

Minsk

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## I. Ages for legal purposes

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### **Age of simple majority**

Irrespective of sex, the legal age of majority is eighteen (18) years.

### **Age of consent for sexual activity**

The legal age of consent for sexual activity is the legal age of majority, eighteen (18) years.

### **Age of consent for marriage**

The legal age of consent for marriage is the legal age of majority, eighteen (18) years.

Sexual intercourse (including anal and oral intercourse) with a child, involving the use of violence (including threats or surprise) is covered by Article 115 entitled 'Rape' and Article 199 entitled 'Buggery', of the Byelorussian Penal Code.

Sexual intercourse with a child committed without the use of violence is the subject of Article 117 of the Byelorussian Penal Code.

## II. Rape

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The offence of rape under national legislation is the intercourse contrary to the will of a victim with the use of violence or threats to use violence towards the woman and her relatives or with making use of helpless state of a victim.

Rape of underage person or rape that caused death of a victim or heavy physical injuries of a victim or AIDS infection or any other grave consequences is punishable to 8-15 years of imprisonment.

This offence is governed by the Article 166 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus.

### **III. Other forms of child sex abuse**

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Buggery, lesbianism and other sexual actions performed contrary to the will of a victim with the use of violence or threats to use violence towards the victim or with making use of helpless state of a victim is punishable to 3-7 years of imprisonment.

The same actions perpetrated against the underage person or the sexual actions that caused death of a victim or heavy physical injuries of a victim or AIDS infection or any other grave consequence is punishable to 8-15 years of imprisonment.

Indecency perpetrated against the underage person is punishable to 3 years of imprisonment. Indecency with the use of violence or threat to use violence perpetrated against underage person is punishable to 5 years of imprisonment.

Articles 167, 168, 169, 170 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus cover these categories.

### **IV. Child prostitution and child pornography**

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Article 173 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus provides responsibility for the grown up persons who involve minors into prostitution or use them for making pornographic production. These offences are punishable to 3-5 years of imprisonment.

A Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus does not contain articles related to possession of child pornography. However, Article 343 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus provides responsibility for possession of pornography with the aim of its circulation (diffusion) or advertising. These offences are punishable to 2 years of corrective labor or 3 months of imprisonment.

### **V. Internet**

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Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus does not contain articles related to crimes against children using the Internet.