

## National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

# Jordan – Jordanie - Jordania

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## II. Rape

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### Article 292

1. Whoever has sexual intercourse with a woman (other than his wife) without her consent whether by force, intimidation, trickery or deception shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 10 years.
2. Whoever rapes a woman under 15 shall be sentenced to death.

### Article 294

1. Whoever has sexual intercourse with a woman over fifteen and under 18, and is an ancestor of the victim by blood or otherwise, or if the person who had intercourse with her is a blood relative (whom she could not marry), a person entrusted with her upbringing, or care or a person with legitimate or legal authority over her, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 10 years.
2. The same term of imprisonment shall apply if the offender is a member of the clergy or a manager or an employee of a recruitment office, and in so doing has abused his authority or the advantages thereof in order to commit the crime.

## III. Other forms of child sexual abuse

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### Indecent assault

#### Article 296

1. Whoever by use of violence or intimidation commits an indecent act on an individual shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 4 years.
2. The minimum sentence shall be 7 years if the victim is under 15 years old.

### **Article 298**

1. Whoever without violence or intimidation commits an indecent act on a child under 15 years old or persuades him/her to commit an indecent act shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment with hard labour.
2. The term of imprisonment shall not be less than 5 years if the child is under 12 years old.

### **Article 299**

Any person such as those described in Article 295 who commits an indecent act on individual, male or female, aged over 15 years but and under 18, or persuades him/her to commit an indecent act shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment with hard labour.

### **Kidnapping**

#### **Article 302**

Whoever kidnaps a person, male or female by deception or force, and absconds with him/her, shall be sentenced as follows:

1. To 2 to 3 years' imprisonment if the victim is male and under 15 years of age;
2. To a term of imprisonment with hard labour if the victim is female;
3. To not less than 5 years' imprisonment with hard labour if the victim is married, irrespective of whether she is over 15 years old;
4. To not less than 10 years' imprisonment with hard labour if the victim, male or female, has been raped or sexually assaulted;
5. To not less than 10 years' imprisonment with hard labour if the victim is married, under 15 and the assault took the form of a sexual intercourse;
6. To not less than 7 years' imprisonment with hard labour if the victim is married, over 15 and the assault took the form of a sexual intercourse.

### **Temptation, debauchery and violating the sanctity of women's quarters**

#### **Article 304**

Whoever promises to marry a virgin over 15 years of age, and then takes her virginity, shall be sentenced, if his act does not call for more severe punishment, to a term of 3 months' to one year's imprisonment.

#### **Article 305**

Whoever indecently touches a person under 15 or a female aged 15 or above without her consent shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year.

#### **Article 306**

Whoever solicits an indecent act from a boy or a girl under 15 years of age or uses indecent terms to address him/her shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding 25 Jordanian Dinars.

### **IV. Child prostitution**

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#### **Article 310**

Whoever procures or attempts to procure:

1. A woman under the age of 20 who is not a prostitute or a woman of ill-repute in order for a person to illegally have sexual intercourse with her whether in Jordan or abroad;
2. A woman in order to work as a prostitute in Jordan or abroad;
3. A woman, causing her to leave Jordan to live in or frequent a brothel;
4. A woman, causing her to leave her normal place of residence in Jordan, which is not a brothel, to live in a brothel in Jordan or elsewhere or to frequent it to work as a prostitute; or
5. A person under 15 in order to sodomise him/her

shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than one and not more than three years.

#### **Article 314**

Whoever has been entrusted with looking after a child aged between 6 and 16 years and allows him/her to stay in a brothel or frequent it shall be sentenced to term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding 20 Dinars.

### **IV. Child pornography**

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#### **Undermining public morality**

#### **Article 319**

The following persons shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months and a fine not exceeding 50 Dinars:

1. Whoever sells or possesses with a view to sell or distribute a lewd publication, manuscript, photographs, drawing, design or any other object which could corrupt public morality, or print or reproduce such objects and materials in any other way in order to sell or distribute them.
2. Whoever displays in public any depiction, photograph, drawing, lewd design or any other object which could corrupt public morality, or distributes such objects for display in public; or
3. Runs, or participates in the running of a shop which sells, publishes, or displays lewd objects whether publications, manuscripts, photographs, drawings, designs or any other objects that could corrupt public morality; or
4. Advertises or publicizes by whatever means the fact that an individual sells, prints, reproduces, displays or distributes such lewd objects and materials.