

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

Bosnia Herzegovina (Rep. of) - Bosnie Herzegovine (Rép. de) - Bosnia Herzegovina (Rep. de)

Sarajevo

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In Bosnia Herzegovina there are four criminal codes:

- Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina (state level)
- Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (entity level)
- Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska (entity level)
- Criminal Code of Brcko District (entity level)

Child pornography, child prostitution and other forms of child sexual abuse are foreseen by:

- Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Criminal offences against sexual freedom and morality
- Articles: 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216

- Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska
- Criminal offences against sexual integrity
- Articles: 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 204

- Criminal Code of Brcko District
- Criminal offences against sexual freedom and morality
- Articles: 203, 202, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210

I. Ages for legal purposes

Age of simple majority

The age of simple majority is 18.

Age of consent for sexual activity

Whoever has sexual intercourse with a person under 14 can be prosecuted.

Age of consent for marriage

The age of consent for marriage is 18 years in Bosnia Herzegovina. A court can allow marriage for a person older than 16 years.

II. Rape

Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Criminal Offences against sexual freedom and morality - Article 203 (Rape), Article 205 (Sexual Intercourse by Abuse of Position), Article 206 (Forced Sexual Intercourse), Article 207 (Sexual Intercourse with a child), Article 208 (Lechery)

Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska:

Criminal offences against sexual integrity – Article 193 (Rape), 104 (Sexual intercourse with a helpless person), Article 195 (Forced Sexual Intercourse on a Child), Article 196 (Sexual Intercourse by Abuse of Position)
Criminal Code of Brcko District : Article 203 (Rape), Article 202 (Sexual Intercourse by Abuse of Position), Article 204 (Sexual Intercourse with a Child), Article 205 (Lechery)

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III. Other forms of child sex abuse

Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Criminal Offences against sexual freedom and morality – Article 209 (Satisfying Lust in the Presence of a Child or Juvenile), Article 213 (Incest)

Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska:

Criminal offences against sexual integrity – Article 197 (Satisfying Lust in the Presence of other person), Article 201 (Incest)

Criminal Code of Brcko District:

Article 206 (Satisfying Lust in the Presence of a Child or Juvenile), Article 210 (Incest)

IV. Child prostitution

Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Criminal Offences against sexual freedom and morality – Article 210 (Pandering)

Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska

Criminal offences against sexual integrity – Article 198 (Trafficking in Human Beings in View of Prostitution)

Criminal Code of Brcko District:

Article 207 (Pandering),

V. Child pornography

Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Criminal Offences against sexual freedom and morality – Article 211 (Abuse of a Child or Juvenile for Pornography), Article 212 (Introducing Pornography to a Child)

Criminal Code of the Republic of Srpska:

Criminal offences against sexual integrity – Article 199 (Abuse of a Child or Juvenile for Pornography), Article 200 (Production or showing of Pornography)

Criminal Code of Brcko District:

Article 208 (Abuse of a Child or Juvenile for Pornography), Article 209 (Introducing Pornography to a Child)