

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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I. Ages for legal purposes

Age of consent for marriage

The legal age at which a person is currently competent to consent to marriage is currently seventeen (17) years.

II. Rape

Sexual intercourse with a consenting minor under 16 years is considered rape and the offender is liable to 20 years imprisonment.

Act of sodomy with a consenting minor under 14 is considered rape and the offender is liable to 20 years imprisonment.

III. Other forms of child sex abuse

An offender who commits sexual abuse of a minor is liable to 7 years of imprisonment. If the minor is family relative, the offender is liable to 9 years of imprisonment.

Sexual intercourse with a minor (less than 18 years) by exploiting dependency, by an education or authority figure, or through promise of marriage is forbidden by law and offender is liable to 5 years imprisonment.

A family relative who has sexual intercourse or commits sodomy with a minor above age 14 but under the age 21 is liable to 16 years of imprisonment.

An offender who commits an immoral act to a minor up to 14 years is liable to 7 years of imprisonment; to a minor above 14 years the offender is liable to 4 years of imprisonment.

An offender who commits an immoral act in front of a minor less than 16 years is liable to 3 years of imprisonment. If the minor is family relative, the offender is liable to 4 years imprisonment.

IV. Child prostitution

For procuration, when the prostitute is under 18 years, the offender is liable to 7 years of imprisonment.

For instigation into a prostitution of a minor (less than 18 years), the offender is liable to 7 years of imprisonment.

Parent or a guardian of a minor (less than 18 years) who allows the minor to reside or frequent a brothel is liable to 3 years of imprisonment.

Parent or a guardian of a minor (under 18 years) who aids the minor to commit solicitation for immoral purposes in a public place is liable to 3 years of imprisonment.

V. Child pornography

A person who uses a minor for advertising obscene matter or act is liable for 7 years of imprisonment. Parent or guardian committing the same offence is liable to 10 years imprisonment.

VI. Internet

According to the paragraph 214 of the Penal Code, publicizing something obscene using the image of a minor is forbidden by law and the offender of such offence is liable to 5 years of imprisonment. This includes setting up a pedophile Internet site.