

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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I. Ages for legal purposes

Age of simple majority

The legal age of majority is 17 years.

Age of consent for sexual activity

The legal age of consent for sexual activity is 16 years.

Age of consent for marriage

The legal age of consent for marriage is 18 years.

II. Rape

Rape refers to unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman without her consent and sexual intercourse requires penetration only.

III. Other forms of child sex abuse

The following offences come under the criminal offences ordinance of the laws of Gibraltar.

Sections

103(1) Rape

103(2) Attempted rape

107(1) Intercourse with a girl under the age of 13 years

108(1) Intercourse with a girl between the ages of 13 years and 16 years

112(1) Incest by a man

113(1) Incest by a woman

115(1) Buggery

116 Indecency between men

- 117 Indecent assault on a woman
- 118 Indecent assault on a man
- 119 Indecent conduct towards a young child

IV. Child prostitution

Sections

- 122 Procurement of girl under 18 years
- 124 Permitting girl under 13 years to use premises for intercourse
- 125 Permitting a girl between 13 and 16 years to use premises for intercourse
- 127 Causing or encouraging prostitution of, intercourse with or indecent assault on a girl under 16 years
- 129 Allowing persons under 16 years to be in brothels

V. Child pornography

There is no specific law in this country for child pornography in particular, although this would come under section 147 of the criminal offences ordinance which deals with prohibited publications, section 154 of the criminal offences ordinance which deals with sale of obscene matter and section 14(1) (b) of the imports and exports ordinance which deals with prohibited imports which includes indecent or obscene prints.

VI. Internet

Our current legislation does not cover crimes against children using the Internet.