

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is against the law.
There are many different types of sexual assault.
The maximum penalties for all of them are lengthy prison sentences.

PROCURING SEXUAL PENETRATION BY THREATS OR FRAUD

Getting someone to take part in an act of sexual penetration by deceiving them. 5 years. Getting someone to take part in an act of sexual penetration by threatening or intimidating them. 10 years.



PROCURING SEXUAL PENETRATION OF A CHILD

Hiring a child prostitute. 10 years.



PERMITTING UNLAWFUL SEXUAL PENETRATION

Letting someone under the age of 17 into a premise so they can take part in an act of sexual penetration. 10-15 years.

The decision to report sexual assault rests entirely with the victim.

If a sexual assault is reported the police must:

- Ask for basic information about the assault in a private place
- Take the victim to the nearest Centre Against Sexual Assault or Hospital Crisis Care Unit for a medical examination and support
- Explain the investigation process to the victim
- Ask the victim to give a written statement to a member of the Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Unit of the same sex as the victim
- Provide the victim with a copy of the statement and keep them informed about the investigation

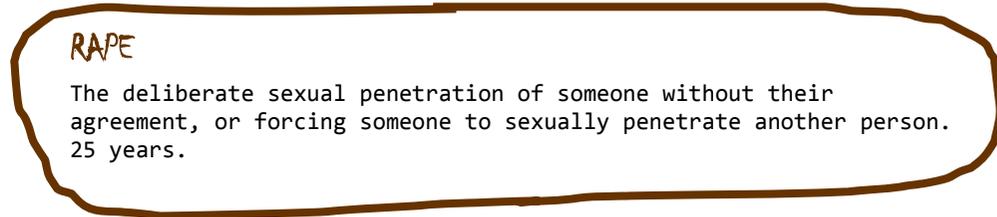
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO RAPE

Assaulting or threatening to assault someone with the intention of raping them. 10 years.



RAPE

The deliberate sexual penetration of someone without their agreement, or forcing someone to sexually penetrate another person. 25 years.



INDECENT ASSAULT

Any unwanted sexual behaviour that's forced on someone without their agreement. 10 years.



COMPELLING SEXUAL PENETRATION

Forcing someone into an act of sexual penetration with an object. 25 years.

FACILITATING SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN

Helping someone have sex with a person under the age of 16. 20 years.

ABDUCTION OR DETENTION

Taking away or detaining someone against their will to marry them or have sex with them. 10 years.

INCEST

Sexual penetration between siblings or half siblings. 5 years. Sexual penetration between a parent and their child or step child. 25 years.



ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS

Giving someone a drug or other substance so they can't resist an indecent act. 5 years. Giving someone a drug or other substance so they can't resist an act of sexual penetration. 10 years.