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Is Your Child or Teenager Sexually Active?

Even with your permission and your daughter's consent, males who have sexual relations with girls under the age of 16 are breaking the law.

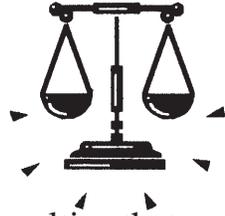
Important Information for Parents

**About Consensual Sex
and the Law in
Alabama**

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When Is Consensual Sex Rape?



The State of Alabama has laws and penalties that protect girls under the age of 16 when they are involved in a sexual relationship.

In Alabama having sex with a girl who is under the age of 16 is considered RAPE if the male is at least 16 years old and at least two years older.

Can A Parent Give Permission For A Child To Have Sex?

If a parent gives permission for a daughter under the age of 16 to date a guy who is 16 or older and at least two years older than she, it is still illegal for her to have sex with the older male who can be arrested.

What If She Agrees To Sex?

The young girl's consent does not matter. If a female under the age of 16 agrees to have sex or initiates the sex with a male who is 16 or older and at least two years older than she, this is considered rape and the male is guilty.



What Is the Penalty for Rape?

In Alabama the penalty can be harsh. The older male who has sex with a girl under the age of 16 could be put in prison for up to 20 years. If the girl is younger than 12, the older male could go to prison for the rest of his life!

Rapists Face Lifetime Consequences.

If convicted of rape, the male's name may be placed on the state's list of sexual offenders. This list is available to anyone who wants to look at it and can even be found on the internet.

His neighbors will be notified that he is a sexual offender. Any time he moves, his new neighbors will be notified that he is a sexual offender. His name will stay on the list of sexual offenders for the rest of his life.

What Can I Do To Protect My Child From A Rapist?

Many men assume their girlfriend will never report them to the police. They may be right. But many girls tell their friends or relatives. These individuals may then tell you, the parent(s), who *should* report the sex to local law enforcement.

