

Is Your Girlfriend Under the Age of 16?

Having Sex With Her May Put You In Prison



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The State of Alabama has laws that make having sex with a girl under 16 a crime. You need to know about this.

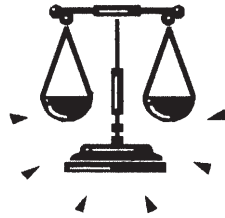
Important Information for Males

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 apply to males who have sex with girls under the age of 16. If you have sex with a girl under 16, you may be committing a crime.

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 than the female.

What If My Girlfriend's Parents Think She Is Old Enough?

It doesn't matter that you have been dating your girlfriend with her parent's permission. If you have sex with her, this is considered RAPE and you are guilty.

What If My Girlfriend Wants A Sexual Relationship With Me?

It doesn't matter that she agreed to have sex. It does not even matter that she initiated the sex. If you have sex with her, you are GUILTY.



You May Get Caught



Many men assume that their girlfriends will never report them to the police. They may be right. *But many girls do tell their friends or their sisters and cousins.* These friends and relatives may then tell her parents and the parents may report the sex to a law enforcement agency.

Rape Penalties Can Be Harsh

- The penalty for having sex with your girlfriend who is under the age of 16 can be harsh.
- You could go to prison for up to 20 years.
- If your girlfriend is younger than 12, you could go to prison for the rest of your life!



A Rape Conviction Can Be For A Lifetime

Your name could also 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. *Your name may stay on the list of sexual offenders for the rest of your life.*

Your neighbors may be notified that you are a convicted sexual offender. Any time you move, your new neighbors may be notified that you are a sexual offender.