

National Laws

Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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Child pornography, child prostitution, rape and other forms of child sexual abuse are all Penal Offences under the Penal Code of Bhutan 2004.

Link to the [Penal Code of Bhutan](#)

I. Ages for legal purposes

The age of consent to sexual activity in Bhutan is 18 years.

The age in child pornography legislation has not been specified.

II. Rape

Section-177; Rape - 4th degree (Min. 3 years of imprisonment, max 5 years)

Section-181; Statutory rape - 2nd degree (Min. 9 years of imprisonment, max 15 years)

Section-183; Rape of child above 12 years below 18 years - 3rd degree (Min 5 years of imprisonment, max 9 years)

Section-191; Gang rape of child below 12 years - 1st degree (Min 15 years of imprisonment, max life)

III. Other forms of child sexual abuse

Section-203; Child molestation - 4th degree.

Section-215; Abandonment of an infant child – misdemeanors (Min 1 year of imprisonment, max 3 years)

Section 221; Child abuse - misdemeanors

Section 223; Endangerment of child - misdemeanors

Section-225; Pedophilia – misdemeanors, 3rd degree for sex

Section-227; Trafficking child - 3rd degree

Section-162; Child kidnapping 2nd degree - 3rd degree voluntarily

Section-165; Abduction - 4th degree

Section-114; Juvenile- Delinquents - 10 years and below

IV. Child prostitution

Section-373; Prostitution – misdemeanors

V. Child pornography

Bhutan does not have any specific legislation related to Child Pornography, but there are provisions for such crimes under several of the above articles of the Penal Code of Bhutan 2004.