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# What is Statutory Rape?

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- Statutory rape differs from other types of rape.
- Statutory rape can involve underage participants who have willingly engaged in the act.
- Those who are under the age of consent cannot legally consent to sex.
- So, the act is considered a crime.



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## Age of Consent

- The **age of consent** is the age at which someone can legally agree to be involved in sex.
- This age varies from state to state.
- Different states set the age of consent at 16 years, while others set it at 17 or 18.



## Factors Affecting the Charges and Penalties

- The two main factors that affect the penalties for statutory rape include:
  - The age of the victim
  - The age difference between victim and perpetrator
- Other factors include the number of prior [sex offenses](#) committed by the accused, involvement of drugs or alcohol etc.



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## **Penalties for Statutory Rape**

Penalties for statutory rape may include:

- Prison or jail sentences
- Probation
- Incarceration
- Fines and mandated treatment services



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- If you are accused of statutory rape, contact **The Law Offices of Joel Silberman, LLC**.
- Immediately after retaining us, you will receive a 24/7 dedicated line to contact us.
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