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Sexuality. What is allowed at which age?

At the age of 14 you are considered sexually responsible.

Then you are allowed to make your own decisions about sexuality.

Your sexuality is your human right!

The "human rights of sexuality" was created by the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) in Hong-Kong in 1999.



1. The right to sexual freedom.

Everybody can freely choose their sexuality.

Any form of violence, force, exploitation or abuse are not allowed!



2. The right to sexual autonomy, sexual and physical integrity.

This means you have the right to determine your own sexual life in relation to your own personal and social ethics, without any form of manipulation, torture or mutilation by others.



3. The right to sexual privacy.

This right protects our intimate life.

Nobody is allowed to distribute information about sexuality and intimate life of others.



4. The right to sexual equality.

Everyone has these sexual rights, regardless gender, gender roles, sexual orientation, age, race, social level, religion, physical or mental ability / disability.



5. The right to sexual desire.

Nobody can prohibit or ban another person's sexual desire (e.g. masturbation).



6. The right to express sexual sensations.

Sexual expressions can be more than just sexual desire or sexual acts. Humans have the right to express their sexuality using emotions, love, communication, contact etc.



$7.\,$ The right to freely choose your partner/s.

This means you not only have the right to choose a romantic partnership and marriage, but also to freely seek separation or divorce. Everybody can pick how they want their own kind of sexual relationship to be, or equally can choose not to have any sexual partner.



8. The right to freely and responsibly decide about reproduction.

You have the right to decide whether to have children or not. You can choose how many children you want to have, and the period of time between the birth/s of the children. You have the right to unhindered access to contraceptives.



9. You have got the right to science based sexual education.

Knowledge and the teachings given about sexuality have to be gained through correct scientific research processes. It should be distributed in an appropriate way to all social levels.



$m{10.}$ The right to comprehensive sexual education.

Sexual development never stops! Sexual education should be involved in all social institutions like kindergardens or schools.

Sexual development never stops.



11. The right to access sexual health care.

An appropriate health care service should be able to be contacted if a person faces sexual complications, disorders or diseases

The right to sexuality is a human right!

At which age am I allowed to have sex?

At the age of 14 you are "sexually responsible".

That means you decide on your own if you want to have sex and with whom – however, it is only legal if both of you want to have sex, and if both of you are old enough!

For a 13 year-old, having sex would be legal if their sexual partner is not older than 3 years.

That means: Sex between a 13 year-old and a 16 year-old adolescent is allowed. Sex between a 13 year-old and a 17 year-old is against the law.

Sexual contact with no penetration (petting) is allowed, if the age difference is not more than 4 years.

Although the younger person has to be at least 12 years-old.

Summary of the most important facts:

You must not force somebody to have sexual intercourse.

You must stop your sexual action at the same moment as when you realize your partner does not agree with it.

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It would considered illegal abuse if you try to make someone who cannot clearly understand the situation or defend themselves to have sex with you. E.g. If the person targeted drank such a large amount of alcohol that they lose their judgement.

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No porn! Watching pornographic movies or pictures is prohibited for adolescents (until the age of 18)! It is also illegal to show such materials to minors.

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There must not be money exchange after sex (prostitution) with minors.

Authority figures such as teachers or group leaders must not have relationships, sex or other sexual acts with the adolescents whom they are responsible for.

ATTENTION!

At the age of 14 you are not just sexually responsible, but also judicially responsible! At that age someone could be sentenced, according to juvenile criminal law, if they have committed a sexual crime.

Overview of important paragraphs:

§ 201: Rape – –

Rape includes: forced sex with violence or threats. Rape is sentenced with 1-10 year's imprisonment. Depending on the seriousness of how the crime was committed, it can be a sentence with life imprisonment.

Of course: Legal is when both people enjoy their experience.

§ 205: Sexual abuse of a defenseless or mentally impaired person - - - - - -

It is prohibited to abuse someone who cannot defend themselves. E.g. persons with disabilities or persons who cannot judge what they want perhaps due to an influence of alcohol or drugs. Sexual abuse is sentenced with 1-10 year's imprisonment. Depending on the seriousness of the crime, it can be a sentence with life imprisonment.

Tip: If you notice a person is heavily impaired by alcohol or drugs, be sure the person is safe! Call an ambulance if you are worried!

Number: -> 144!

If you think a person has been drugged by someone with date rape drugs, call the police!

Number: -> 133!

§ 206: Serious sexual abuse of minors –

A person who has sex with a minor (a child younger than 14 years), can be charged with committing serious sexual abuse.

Serious sexual abuse is sentenced with 1-10 year's imprisonment.

Depending on the seriousness of the crime it can be a sentence with life imprisonment. All children have the right to be protected from sexualised (and all forms of) violence. If you assume a child is a victim of sexualised violence, contact (anonymously) one of the counselling centres, which are listed in the appendix.

§ 207: Sexual abuse of minors -

This law relates to sexual intercourse with minors without penetration. Sexual abuse of minors is sentenced with $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year's imprisonment. Depending on seriousness of the crime it can be punished more severely.

Provocative nude pictures of adolescents under 18 are child pornography and are prohibited. It is a criminal offence to produce, offer, provide, present or gain access to pornographic material of minors, in any form, to anybody. People violating this law can be sentenced up to 3 year's jail time. If the pictures are shared around, the sentence can be furthered to 5 years' imprisonment, or longer depending on the seriousness of the crime. Searching and using child pornography on the internet is also prohibited, carrying a sentence of up to 2 years imprisonment.



In general, adolescents must not buy or own potentially youth-damaging media! These are brutal, violent, discriminating or pornographic representations (§ 20 Styrian youth protection legislation).

Sending nude pictures is called "sexting". You are allowed to send nude pictures of yourself to your sexual partner, but these must not be forwarded onwards for other people to see.

Important: If you receive nude pictures you must not send them to anybody! Pictures of persons must not be presented publicly or disseminated if this causes a violation of the person's interest. This is defined in the copyright law (copyright).

It is a criminal offence if adolescents (14 to 16 years) are abused or persuaded into sexual actions if they cannot appropriately judge the situation. It is a crime which has a sentence of up to 1 year's imprisonment, or a financial penalty. If adolescents (under 18) are forced or persuaded to have paid sex, the people who made them do it can be sentenced with up to 3 year's jail time.

§ 208 StGB: Moral endangering of children and adolescents (younger than 16 years) - - - -

This relates to actions which endanger the "moral, mental and healthy

development" of young people, e.g. adolescents who are brought to prostitutes, adults who have sex, masturbate or show pornographic material in the presence of adolescents. These actions usually have prison sentences of up to 1 year's imprisonment, although it can be longer.

§ 208a: Initiation of sexual contacts to minors (under 14 years) - - - - -

"Cyber Grooming" is one way through which people have initiated minors into sexual contact (via chat forums, facebook or other social media networks). It is a crime with a sentence of up to 2 year's jail time

It is very important to be cautious if a person you are communicating with (via social media) asks you for nude pictures or asks you to meet them. That person could be lying and not be the person he or she pretends to be! If you decide to meet the person then you should take these actions to make it safe: tell somebody about the meeting, don't go there alone, and meet them in a public place like a café!

§ 212: Abuse of authority -

Relatives, foster parents, teachers, trainers, group leaders, educators, care givers, supervisors, therapists, medical doctors, nurses etc. must not have sexual contact with the adolescents (under 18) who they are responsible for. It has a sentence of up to 3 year's jail time.

§ 214: Arrangement to engage in sexual contact with a minor for payment

A person who has arranged to engage to have sexual contact with a minor in exchange for money, can be sentenced with ½ - 5 year's imprisonment.



§215a: Initiation of prostitution and pornographic presentation of minors – –

A person who recruits or links minors into carrying out acts of prostitution, or have minors be involved in the production of pornographic material, can be punished with $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year's imprisonment.

§ 218: Sexual harassment and public sexual acts - - - - - -

These are actions which make people feel harassed. Sexual harassment has many forms: offensive jokes or comments about somebody, whistling or catcalling somebody, unwanted physical touching, the presentation of genitals etc. The law says that nobody is allowed to touch another person's intimate bodyparts (e.g. bum, breasts) with a sexual intention without consent. Additionally, sexual actions must not be continued if someone feels harassed by it. These actions can be sentenced with up to ½ year imprisonment or a financial penalty.

§ 104a: Human trafficking –

This can be sentenced with 1 - 10 year's imprisonment if a minor is transported with the intention to sexually exploit them for payment.

§ 106a: Forced marriage –

Someone can be sentenced with $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year's if they force someone into marriage.

§ 106: Grievous duress

A person who urges adults into prostitution, or be complicit in the production of pornographic material, can receive a sentence of $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 year's imprisonment. If minors are urged to do these actions, it can be punished with 1-10 year's imprisonment.

§ 107a: Persistent harassment _

If somebody is consistently harassed or followed against her or his will over a long period of time, it is called "stalking". Stalking can be sentenced with up to 1 year's imprisonment or a financial penalty.

§ 107c: Continued harassment via telecommunication or computer systems

It is prohibited to continuously harass someone via internet or spread personal pictures or information around to people, without the consent of the person featured. The offender can be sentenced with up to 1 year's imprisonment or a financial penalty.

If somebody committed one of these crimes to you, or one of your friends, you have the right to have protection and receive assistance!

HELP AND SUPPORT IN GRAZ:

City of Graz - Department Youth & Family

The Office for Youth and Family Kaiserfeldgasse 25, 8011 Graz, 0316/8723199, jugendamt@stadt.graz.at, www.graz.at/jugendamt

Caritas Divan

Counselling and support for girls and women who undergo particular stresses and are in need of protection.

Mariengasse 24, 8020 Graz, 0676/88015744,

divan@caritas-steiermark.at, www.caritas-steiermark.at

women's health centre

Information & counselling for girls and women about health issues, sexuality, contraception, pregnancy, abortion. Psychotherapy and a library on women's issues.

Joanneumring 3, 8010 Graz, 0316/837998,
frauen.gesundheit@fqz.co.at, www.frauen.gesundheitszentrum.eu

women's shelter Graz

Emergency aid for threatened and abused women and their children; shelter, legal advice, legal support, stalking advice, help with finding accommodation and work.

Postfach 30, 8006 Graz, 0316/429900,

graz@frauenhaeuser.at, www.frauenhaeuser.at

Protection against violence centre Graz

Help and support for victims of violence. Support with hearings and other legal procedures, victim of stalking advice, law counselling /law guidance, help in crisis situations, Interpreters can be provided to clients using this centre!

Granatengasse 4/II, 8020 Graz, 0316/774199,

office@gewaltschutzzentrum.at, www.gewaltschutzzentrum-steiermark.at

Office for equal treatment

This office takes care that no citizen, whether male or female, may be treated unequally or be discriminated against by the committees of the town.

The office takes special care with cases concerning education, health, social issues, and access to goods, services and housing.

Europaplatz 12, 8020 Graz, 0316/72 05 90, graz.gaw@bka.gv.at, www.gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft.at

Youth Streetwork Caritas Graz

Ourtreach work for youth and young adults up to 21 years who have stress, need support and someone to talk to. An organisation under instruction of the department "youth and family", city of Graz.

Jakominiplatz 1, 2. Stock, 8010 Graz, 0316/8015470, jugendstreetwork@caritas-steiermark.at, www.caritas-steiermark.at

Children's and Youth Advocacy Styria

Provides information, advice, legal support and counselling for children and young people. Their support is fast, uncomplicated, confidential, anonymously and free of charge.

Paulustorgasse 4/III, 8010 Graz, 0316/8774921, kija@stmk.gv.at, www.kinderanwalt.at

Children protection centre Graz

Information, offers, help and support for children and their families who experience violence, crisis situations and other problems. These centres provide support and therapy.

Grießplatz 32, 8020 Graz, 0316/8319410,

graz@kinderschutz-zentrum.at, www.kinderschutz-zentrum.at

Logo Youthinfo

Information for young people concerning work, education, leisure, advice and assistance, youth work. Karmeliterplatz 2/1, 8010 Graz, 0316/90 370 90, info@logo.at, www.logo.at

Ludwig Bolzmann Institut

Forensic medical imaging. Clinic-forensic ambulance. Legal medicine investigation and securing of evidence with detailed documentation and pursuing support for affected persons. Treatment is confidentially.

*Universitätsplatz 4, 8010 Graz, 0316/3804353,

office@cfi.lbg.ac.at, www.cfi.lbg.ac.at/de

Mafalda

Association for supporting and promoting girls and young women.

Centre for protection, help with personal problems, questions about sexuality, pregnancy, free pregnancy tests, medical advice, library facilities; and educational, leisure and training activities.

Arche Noah 11, 8020 Graz, 0316/337300, office@mafalda.at, www.mafalda.at

Ombuds office for girls and women

Magistrat Graz, 8011 Graz, 0664/2620134, frauen.ombudsstelle@stadt.graz.at, www.frauenombudsstelle-graz.at

Omega - transcultural centre

Support for people who are affected by organised violence and systematic violation of their health or human rights. Refugee resettlement, Integration projects, support and medical treatment.

Albert-Schweizer-Gasse 22, 8020 Graz, 0316/7735540, office@omega.at, www.omega-graz.at

Save the Children

Support with court hearings and other legal procedures in Graz and the surrounding area. Psychological and legal support for affected persons and relatives [with / undergoing] police examinations and legal proceedings.

Merangasse 12, 8010 Graz, 0316/831690, office@rettet-das-kind-stmk.at,

www.rettet-das-kind.at

RosaLila PantherInnen – clubhouse "feel free"

The association is a contact point for lesbians, gay, bi- and transsexual which informs, counsels and offers help with coming outs, socialisation of persons concerned and their environment.

Annenstraße 26, 8020 Graz, 0316/366601, info@homo.at, www.homo.at

Schlupfhaus - Emergency shelter

Emergency shelter for young people aged between 14 and 21 years, open daily between 6pm-9am, free of charge and without commitments. Information, crisis intervention, open for talks, enabling contact to parents or youth welfare office.

Mühlgangweg 1, 8010 Graz, 0316/482959, schlupfhaus@caritas-steiermark.at, www.caritas-steiermark.at

Self-defence, JAM - centre for airls

Self- defence for girls, according to the method "Drehungen": Mafalda .

Association and support of girls and young women.

Arche Noah 11, 8020 Graz, 0316/33730012, jam@mafalda.at, www.mafalda.at/jam

Tara

Support, therapy and prevention in cases of sexual violence against girls and women. Legal support, support of the victim and their family / connected persons.

Haydngasse 7/EG/1, 8010 Graz, 0316/318077, office@taraweb.at. www.taraweb.at

Tartaruga

Protection and help for young people. Personal support in crisis situations, telephone consultations if necessary. Protection and reintegration into society.

*Ungergasse 23, 8020 Graz, 050/79003200, tartaruga@jaw.or.at, www.jaw.or.at

Association "Drehungen" Graz

By women for women.
Self-confidence, self-empowerment, self-defence.
0681/10637517, vorstand@verein-drehungen.at, www.verein-drehungen.at

Association for men- and gender topics Graz

Support where problems with relationships, separations, divorce, parental custody, work, compatibility, sexuality, experience of violence, health.

Dietrichsteinplatz 15/8, 8010 Graz, 0316/831414,
beratung@maennerberatung.at, www.vmg-steiermark.at

Association Zebra

Intercultural counseling- and therapy centre. Granatengasse 4/III, 8020 Graz, 0316/835630, office@zebra.or.at, www.zebra.or.at

Weißer Ring

First point of contact for victims of offences. Free of charge. 0800/112112.0699/13434008.stmk@weisser-rina.at, www.weisser-rina.at

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Europaplatz 12, 8020 Graz, 0316/720590,
graz.gaw@bka.qv.at, www.qleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft.at

Logo Youth.info

Information for young people concerning work, education, leisure, advice and assistance, youth work. Karmeliterplatz 2/1, 8010 Graz, 0316/9037090, info@logo.at, www.logo.at

HOTLINES & ONLINE CONSULTING

Women helpline against violence

Information and support for women and girls in their native language. 0800/222555, frauenhelpline@aoef.at, www.frauenhelpline.at

Help Chat

The Help Chat is a virtual support office for women and girls, who are affected by violence.

Advisors are there to help, every Monday from 7pm-10pm.

www.haltderaewalt.at

Criminal police advice

0800/216346

Emergency number for men

24/7 emergency number for concerns and worries of callers. 0800/246247, hilfe@maennernotruf.at, www.maennernotruf.at

Police

Emergency police service: 133 Hotline for deaf people: 0800/133133, gehoerlosennotruf@polizei.gv.at

Rat auf Draht 147

Telephone helpline and online support for children, young people, parents and relatives.

Daily from 00:00-24:00h, free of charge, without area code: 147, rataufdraht@orf.at, www.rataufdraht.at

