



## DEFINITIONS OF SEXUAL OFFENCES / MEANINGS

### Sexual Definitions:

Asexual:	An individual lacking sexual attraction and/or romantic feelings towards both sexes.
Adolescence:	The period of life from puberty to maturity terminating legally at the age of majority.
Age of Majority or Consent:	a: the age at which full civil rights are accorded b: the status of one who has attained this age.
Assault:	a) a violent physical or verbal attack; b) a threat or attempt to inflict offensive physical contact or bodily harm on a person (as by lifting a fist in a threatening manner) that puts the person in immediate danger of or in apprehension of such harm or contact, or Any wilful attempt or threat to inflict injury upon the person of another, when coupled with an apparent present ability to do so, and any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm, constitutes an assault. An assault may be committed without actually touching, or striking, or doing bodily harm, to the person of another.
Bondage (BD):	Restraining or being restrained in a sexual act.
Child:	Progeny; offspring of parentage. Unborn or recently born, human being. At common law one who had not attained the age of 13 years, though the meaning now varies in different statutes; e.g., child labour, support, criminal, and other statutes.
Child: (Biological)	Biological age, unlike a child's chronological age, is not actually visible. Biological age is based in large part to the "physiological development of the various organs and systems in the body". For example, the adequate development of bone, the efficiency of the heart and lungs to transport oxygen; these are examples of items that comprise biological age. (For pedophilia it means pre-pubescent; proceeding puberty.)
Child Abuse:	Any form of cruelty to a child's physical, moral, or mental well-being. Also used to describe form of sexual attack which may or may not amount to rape.
Child Molestation: (child sexual abuse)	Term used to describe actual sexual contact between an adult and someone who has not reached the legal age of consent. In this context, someone who has not reached the age of consent is referred to as a child even though s/he may be a teenager.  Molestation and abuse refer to actions, and don't imply a particular psychological makeup or motive on the part of the perpetrator. In some incidents of molestation or abuse, the perpetrator's motive for their actions, will not prove an ongoing pattern of sexual attraction to children.
Child Sexual Abuse:	See Child Molestation.
Circumcision:	In Males this is the full or partial removal of the foreskin. Female Circumcision involves the removal of the clitoris or its hood and is illegal in most nations. While routine male



- circumcision is still common the practices is unnecessary with harmful negative effects and only questionable benefits, and is unnecessary with new alternative medical treatments available today.
- Ephebophile:** (phebophile or helbohile)  
An adult affected with ephebophilia.  
A condition in which an adult, usually male, is sexually attracted to young people about the age of puberty (post-pubertal adolescents [14-17]). ([Greek statue.](#)) The word is from Greek, ephebos, meaning young men or adolescents, coupled with philia (see earlier explanation).
- Gerontophile:** a person whose sexual fixation on elderly persons as objects of sexual desire.
- Grooming:** This normally neutral word can take on a whole new meaning not found in dictionaries in the realm of sex offenders.  
Grooming is the process whereby a child sex offender creates the opportunity to sexualise contact with a child and takes steps to prevent the behaviour being discovered or disclosed. Grooming may involve the offender identifying and exploiting vulnerability in a child.  
A child sex offender is someone with an exclusive sexual interest in prepubescent children. They can be extremely diligent in their preparation; some will spend weeks, months or even years getting to know the child or teenager before inviting them to meet up or before asking for a child's mobile phone number. They are 'nice people' - they don't look like 'perverts' and they will be sure to be up to date with all the stuff on fashions, sports, bands etc.  
Most online activity by child sex offenders is the swapping of graphic sexual images between 'collectors'. Their interest is normalised through contact with others who are sexually attracted to children, "if there are others doing this, it must be OK", "Children are sexual beings too, they just haven't started being active sexually yet", "I really do genuinely love the children I touch sexually".  
Many child sex offenders can now be tracked - to some degree - by examining the Internet and computer usage of those who may have been reported. It is therefore something which is beginning to be traceable and therefore visible. Agencies such as the police and schools can now teach children and parents how to deal with the problem and therefore reduce the risks.  
The vast majority of children are sexually abused in their own homes by people they know. The Internet is one way offenders can get to know children and their families. Many offenders contact via off-line methods (clubs, getting to know single parents etc). The online risk is extremely low, but it is there.  
Experts suggest that offenders 'groom' children by talking to them about the things they are interested in, music, holidays, school, family and friends. They gain the child's trust, then begin to 'sexualise' the conversations to lead the child into believing that sex with their older 'best friend' is



natural and normal.

Child sex offenders may pretend to be the same age as the child or a little older. They may pose as two or more different characters, perhaps a girl of a similar age who introduces her dad or older brother. Some will be honest about their age and claim not to get on with adults.

They may gradually introduce sexual topics into chat to normalise sexual behaviour. Some will expose the child to pornography and play on an adolescent child's curiosity about sex, while others will say they respect the child too much to talk about sex. They may encourage the use of a web cam (a tiny camera which sits on the top of a computer, capable of transmitting live images over the Internet). By the time the child first goes to meet the child sex offender she (or he) will no longer be thinking of him as a being a 'stranger'.

Hebephile:	Alternate term for ephebophilia.
Homophobia:	An extreme and irrational aversion to homosexuality and homosexual people.
Heterosexism:	(1) The believe that everyone is straight or heterosexual by default. (2) The belief that heterosexuality is the superior, or only true sexual orientation.
Heterosexual:	Being or a person who is attracted to the opposite sex. i.e. Straight.
Hermaphrodite:	An individual born with both male and female sex organs. Unfortunately many of these individuals have their sex organs altered to those of a male or female, (Usually the latter) as infants before they can decide if they feel comfortable as they are, as a male, or female.
Index Offences:	They include: murder, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny over a specified amount, arson, and motor vehicle theft.
Intact :	Another term to describe someone who has not been circumcised and has his foreskin intact. Uncut is a more common term.
Juvenile:	A young person (the time of life when one is young; especially: the period between childhood and maturity).
Korophilia:	Love of young men or boys.
Libel:	1 a: a written statement in which a plaintiff in certain courts sets forth the cause of action or the relief sought b archaic: a handbill especially attacking or defaming someone. 2 a: a written or oral defamatory statement or representation that conveys an unjustly unfavourable impression b (1): a statement or representation published without just cause and tending to expose another to public contempt (2): defamation of a person by written or representational means (3): the publication of blasphemous, treasonable, seditious, or obscene writings or pictures (4): the act, tort, or crime of publishing such a libel
Masturbation :	The self stimulation of ones sexual organs . It's a normal practice that most men do and women to a lesser extent, and it is has no harmful side effects.



Minor:	A person who has not attained the age of majority (a: the age at which full civil rights are accorded b: the status of one who has attained this age).
Molest:	a) to annoy, disturb, or persecute especially with hostile intent or injurious effect; b) to make annoying sexual advances to; especially : to force physical and usually sexual contact on.
Molester:	A person who molests.
Necrophilia:	Fascination with the dead; specifically: obsession with and usually erotic attraction toward and stimulation by corpses typically evidenced by overt acts (as copulation with a corpse).
Pansexual:	Encompassing of all sexual orientations. In addition, a way people might describe themselves as not being straight without saying they have a distinct sexual orientation.
Paraphilia:	An umbrella term which includes many conditions in which an adult's sexual arousing fantasies involve non-human objects, the infliction of pain, non-adults, or other non-consenting persons. Some examples are: ephebophilia, exhibitionism, hebephilia, fetishism, frotteurism, pedophilia, sexual masochism, sexual sadism, transvestite behavior, and voyeurism. It is derived from two Greek words: " <a href="#">para</a> " means " <a href="#">beyond or outside or associated with</a> " and "philia" means "love for (see earlier explanation)."
Partner:	A socially correct word to describe your lover, significant other, boyfriend or girlfriend on a public level. It is social correct for both gay and straight people to use this gender and sexual neutral term, as it eliminates differences between gay and straight couples.
Pederasty:	(Paederasty) -Is sexual activity involving a man and a boy.
Pedophile:	Paedophile British spelling. One affected with pedophilia.
Pedophile:	(Psych Dictionary) Love of children. This term implies the love of children by an adult for sexual purposes. "Pedophile" originated from, two Greek words: pedo (child) and philia (love). This has been the general published origin of the word, but, as shown, it could mean a parental love for their child. So we must look deeper into the Greek meanings of love. Ancient Greek, the language the Bible was first written in, distinguishes between the different boundaries of love. Greek used the words eros (romantic; adult sexual love between sexes), storge (affection, familial love. Parental love for their children), philia (love between friends. Hugging, kissing, handshakes, etc.), and agape (unconditional love - God's love for mankind). Only two of those boundaries meant a physical love, eros and philia. Accordingly, to signify an improper physical relationship between a child and adult, "pedo" was combined with "philia" hence, pedophilia or pedophile.
Penis Envy:	(1) When a man is obsessed with wanting a larger penis, either on themselves or partner. (2) When a woman is obsessed with wanting a penis, or a larger penis on their partner. (3) Women thinking men are better just because of their penis.



Predator (Sexual):	<p>The premier term used to get your attention, and place your mind into fear-mode; all ears perk-up and listen. Do sexual predators exist, most certainly, but not to the extent that the media, politicians and others (web sites included) would have you believe.</p> <p>Common definition of "predator &amp; predatory," Hunts, preys, victimises, all terms that infer multiple occurrences, usually used with respect to animals, but for this discussion we will accept the analogy to humans and to those who commit multiple sex crimes.</p>
Predatory:	<p>Living by or given to victimising other animals.</p> <p><u>Definition:</u> "The term 'predatory' means an act directed at a stranger, or a person with whom a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of victimisation.</p>
Puberty:	<p>Is the period of human development during which physical growth and sexual maturation occurs.</p>
Rape:	<p>Unlawful sexual intercourse with a female without her consent. The unlawful carnal knowledge of a woman by a man forcibly and against her will. The act of sexual intercourse committed by a man with a woman not his wife and without her consent, committed when the woman's resistance is overcome by force or fear, or under other prohibitive conditions.</p> <p>Forced or manipulated non-consensual sexual contact, including vaginal or anal intercourse, oral sex, or penetration with an object</p> <p>(See also new definitions under S.O.A 2003)</p>
Rapist:	<p>Someone who forces another to have sexual intercourse.</p>
Sadism-Masochism (S&M):	<p>Inflicting pain on others for sexual gratification (Sadism) and receiving pain or humiliation for sexual gratification (Masochism).</p>
Scatophilia and Scopophilia:	<p>Scatophiliacs obtain sexual pleasure from making obscene telephone calls or otherwise communicating in sexual terms with another person. Scopophiliacs, or "voyeurs," obtain sexual pleasure by covertly watching another person undress or have sex.</p>
Sex Offender:	<p>Is the broadest term possible. It is important to understand the distinctions between the persons whom this term may apply to, especially since it can mean the difference between <u>a proper or improper labelling of a person</u> which can cause significant harm to an innocent person and / or their family.</p> <p>The broadest misuse of this term: Occurs when this term is used to describe, both, persons who are currently offending, and, persons who have a sex offence in their history. Current offenders are not law abiding, while former offenders are law abiding and certainly deserve different treatment.</p> <p>Persons accused of a sex offence: Persons accused, whether arrested or not, are usually labelled a sex offender immediately. This goes against our legal system which requires proof before conviction.</p>



	<p>Persons adjudicated: Persons who are "adjudicated of a sex crime" (which is not a conviction) are usually called sex offenders. Adjudicated persons most often are juveniles, or were juveniles (or young adults) when the adjudication occurred.</p> <p>Persons present when someone else committed a sex crime: Persons who were present when a sex offence was committed by another person, a co-defendant in another crime committed at the same time as the sex offence; often these folks are called sex offenders and required to register.</p>
Sex Offender Registration:	<p>When legislatures enacted these laws you will see they have used "Sex Offender" to refer to all persons, registered or not registered. This is the single biggest reason for the broadest misuse of this term. Legislatures have failed to distinguish between those persons.</p> <p>Registry's includes offenders who have committed crimes against either, children or adults, and offenders who have committed crimes against neither! In fact, registries include crimes where there is no human victim. i.e., some Internet crimes (entrapment - talking to police when person thought it was a child), urinating in the park type offences, and several others.</p>
Sexual Orientation :	<p>The direction to which ones sexual attractions are geared towards.</p>
Slander:	<p>To utter slander against: Defame, to harm the reputation of by libel or slander</p>
Stalking:	<p>Any repeated conduct directed specifically at another person that causes that person [or a member of that person's family or household] to fear his/her safety. Such conduct includes following another person and acts that threaten or intimidate another person through fear of bodily injury or death of self or members of that person's family or household or an offence being committed against that person's property.</p>
STDs :	<p>Sexually Transmitted Diseases. These are diseases that can be transmitted through sexual contact (i.e. AIDS, herpes, hepatitis, etc.). Some have horrible life threatening effects that can't be cured. Others cause little problems at all. It is best to talk to your doctor or visit a men's or teen walk in health clinic if you have any concerns.</p>
Sodomy:	<p>Anal or oral copulation. This term originates from the bible, and as with everything biblical has varying interpretations.</p>
Transvestite:	<p>A man (gay or straight) that enjoys dressing as a woman for pleasure, entertainment or because it makes him feel comfortable.</p>
Transgendered/Transsexual:	<p>Individuals (Heterosexual or homosexual) who feel more comfortable dressing up as the opposite sex and/or would rather be the opposite sex. These individuals occasionally have sex changes.</p>
Violent:	<p>a) marked by extreme force or sudden intense activity [a violent attack]; b) notably furious or vehement; c) caused by force: not natural [a violent death]. Moving, acting, or characterised by physical force, especially by extreme and</p>



Zoophilia:

sudden or by unjust or improper force. Furious, vehement; as a violent storm or wind. A violent attack marked by, or due to, strong mental excitement.  
Love of non-human animals.