

# Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012

An Act to protect children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography and provide for establishment of Special Courts for trial of such offences.



STOP  
CHILD SEXUAL  
ABUSE

1. Penetrative Sexual Assault >> An Act with/without sexual intent which inculcate Physical contact with Penetration (Sec 3) >> Imprisonment from 7yr to life and also liable to fine (Sec 4)
2. Aggravated Penetrative Sexual Assault >> (Sec 5) >> Imprisonment from 10yr to life and also liable to fine (Sec 6)
3. Sexual Assault >> It consist all act of physical nature other than or penetration (Sec 7) >> Imprisonment from 3 to 5yr and also liable to fine (Sec 8)
4. Aggravated Sexual Assault >> (Sec 9) >> Imprisonment from 5 to 7yr and also liable to fine (Sec 10)
5. Sexual Harassment >> Act involve oral gesture & object exhibition but doesn't involve physical content (Sec 11) >> Imprisonment from upto 3yr and also liable to fine (Sec 12)
6. Involving Child for Pornographic Purposes >> Any form of media, internet, any other electronic or printed form for the purpose of sexual indulgence (Sec 13) >> Punishable with imprisonment upto life (Sec 14 & 15)

#### Reporting of cases:

Sec 19(1): Any person (including the child), who has apprehension that an offence under this Act is likely to be committed or has knowledge that such offence has been committed; he/she shall provide information to:

- # SPJU (Special Juvenile Police Unit)
- # Local police (juvenile police officer at police station)

#### Punishment for failure to report or record case:

Sec 21: Any person, who fails to report the commission of an offence under sub-section (1) of section 19 or section 20 or who fails to record such offence under sub-section (2) of section 19 shall be punished with imprisonment of either description which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.

#### Recording of Cases:

- Sec 24:
1. The statement of the child shall be recorded at the place of his choice and as far as practicable by a woman police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector.
  2. Ensure that at no point of time the child come in the contact in any way with the accused.



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