

WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE?



The sexual abuse of children is any act of any person using the child for sexual gratification of the adult or older person.



Child is any person under the age of 18.



Sex with any child under the age of 12 is considered statutory rape.



Sexual abuse is referred to as incest when the offender is within the same family as his or her victim.

(Source: Center for the Prevention & Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse)

1 in 5



Children reported to have experienced any form of sexual violence in any setting.

15.9% or

2.95 million

girl children have experienced sexual violence.

Sexual violence is highest at home (10.1%) and at the community (7.8%) for respondents aged 13 years to below 18 years.

Types of sexual violence include unwanted touching, unwanted attempted sex, forced consummated sex, and shown with private parts of others or wanted to see his/her private parts.

(Statistics Source: Council for the Welfare of Children, 2017)

Commonly cited perpetrators are cousin, father and other relatives. Among girl victims, those are: brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, and stepmother. Perpetrators of unwanted attempted sex are fathers, grandfathers, and cousins.

EFFECTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

DEPRESSION

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

SUICIDE

SELF-BLAME

HIV / AIDS

CERVICAL CANCER

SCHOOL DROPOUT

DEATH

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

SOCIAL DYSFUNCTION

PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS

Reclusion perpetua

(imprisonment from 20 to 40 years) is imposed on the offender if rape is committed through sexual intercourse.

Prision mayor

(imprisonment from 6 to 12 years) is imposed on the offender if rape was committed through oral or anal sex or through the use of any object or instrument that was inserted into another person's mouth or anal orifice. This may also be elevated to reclusion temporal (imprisonment from 12 to 20 years) or reclusion perpetua depending on the circumstances surrounding the crime.



(Source: <https://www.pcw.gov.ph/focus-areas/violence-against-women/rape>)

REPORTING

Report the crime to the following agencies in your town/city:

- Philippine National Police (Women and Children Protection Desk)
- City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
- Barangay Officials



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