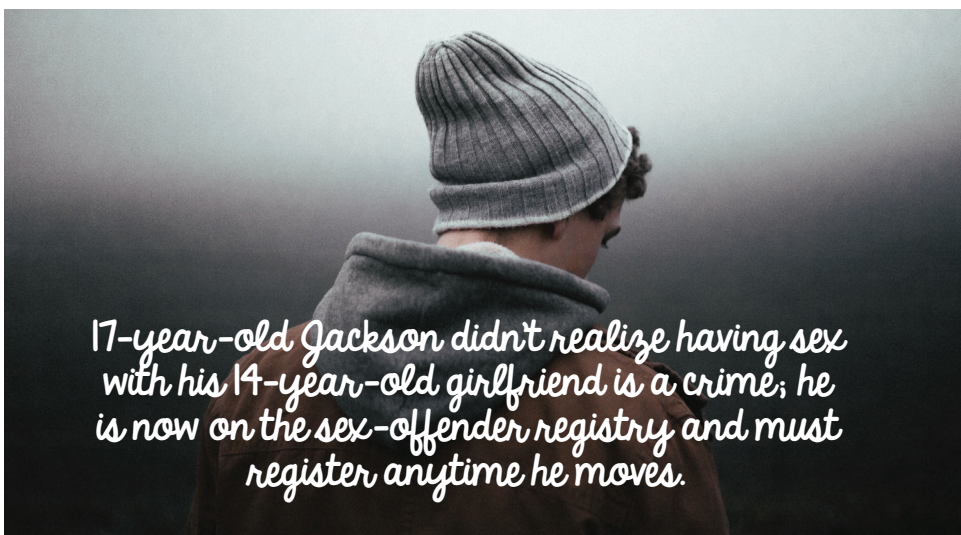


SEX OFFENDER PENALTIES



Alabama requires a person convicted of a sex offense to register with law enforcement. Registration means that your name may be placed on the state's **Sex Offender Registry**. This list is available for anyone to see and can be found online. Your name may stay on the list

of sex offenders for the rest of your life and you will have to regularly check in with law enforcement. Your neighbors may be notified that you are a sex offender and your choices of residence and employment could be restricted.



17-year-old Jackson didn't realize having sex with his 14-year-old girlfriend is a crime; he is now on the sex-offender registry and must register anytime he moves.



ALABAMA SEX AND SEXTING LAWS FOR YOUTH



James asked his 15-year-old girlfriend, Emma to send him nude photos of herself.



He promised he wouldn't share them, but he sent them to his best friend.

Little did they know they both can be prosecuted for the possession of child pornography.

UNDERAGE SEX IN ALABAMA

How young is too young?

It is illegal to have sex with a person who is under the age of **16 (but older than 12) when you are 2 years older than that person.** This is ***Rape in the Second Degree***. By law, no one under the age of 16 can give consent to any sexual activity. A student under the age of 19 cannot consent to sexual activity with a school employee. Additionally, consent cannot be given if the person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. (Ala. Code Title 13A, Article 4 and Article 4A).

What if my partner initiates the sexual contact?

It does not matter if your partner agreed to have sex; Nor does it matter if your partner initiated the sexual contact. Don't assume it won't be reported to law enforcement, as your partner may tell their friends or family, and they could report you to a law enforcement agency.

What if my partner's parents think it's okay? Can they give consent?

Even if you are dating with the parent's knowledge and permission, if you engage in sexual activity with your partner who is under the age of 16, you could be arrested for a sex offense.

What is Sexting?

Sexting usually refers to sending or receiving sexually explicit images electronically. The images may be of the sender or someone else who is nude or engaged in obscene or sexual activity. It is illegal to produce images of someone under the age of 17 engaged in sexual conduct by phone or computer. It is also a crime to possess these images. While many teens call it sexting, it is a crime violating the Alabama Child Pornography Act.

SEXTING PENALTIES



PRODUCTION of Obscene Matter is a Class A Felony. A Class A Felony is punishable by not less than **10 years and not more than 99 years or life** in prison and may include a fine not to exceed **\$60,000**. (Ala. Code Sections 13A-12-197, 13A-5-11).

POSSESSING Obscene Matter is a Class C Felony. A Class C Felony is punishable by **not less than 1 year and 1 day and not more than 10 years** in prison and may include a fine not to exceed **\$15,000**. (Ala. Code Sections 13A-12-192, 13A-5-11).

Convictions under the Alabama Child Pornography Act are sex offenses.