

Every year  
approximately **100**  
individuals  
(**both juvenile and adult**)  
in Licking County  
are prosecuted for:

**“Just messin’ around”**

Some thought it was a joke  
Some thought it was a thrill  
Some thought it was love

**Most said: “I just didn’t know”**

**They went to jail anyway.**

*Avoid the pain...just abstain.*



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**Resources Encouraging Abstinence**  
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# WHAT?



# SEX CAN BE A CRIME?

**Sexual Activity:** (R.C.2907.01 (C))

This term refers to sexual conduct or sexual contact or both.

**Sexual Conduct:** (R.C.2907.01 (A))

Vaginal, oral or anal intercourse. Including penetration with the slightest touch to these areas with any other body part or object.

*Try this contact and your next contact will be with law enforcement!*

**Sexual Contact:** (R.C.2907.01 (B))

Any touching of an erogenous zone of another person. Including, but not limited to: the thigh, genitals (privates), buttock, pubic region, or female breast. This could also be stretched to include the face, neck, or other areas that are touched or kissed.

*Think it doesn't matter how old they are? Think again!*

**Unlawful Sexual Conduct:** (R.C.2907.04 (A))

No person who is 18 years old or older can have sex with any person who is 13, 14, or 15 years old. If the person is four or more years older than the other person, this is a Felony 4, requiring a prison term of 6 to 18 months. If the person is 10 or more years older than the other person, this is a Felony 3, requiring a prison term of 1 to 5 years. If there is less than four years between the two, it is a Misdemeanor 1.

*"The time of your life" could cost you 10 years to life in prison.*

**Rape:** (R.C.2907.02)

Sexual conduct with any person who is 12 years old or younger. (Even if that person consented to the conduct, the law stands *and* is enforced!). It is also sexual conduct that is forced\* upon a person, or performed when that person is too drunk to resist the sexual conduct. This is a Felony 1, maximum prison terms are 10 years to life in prison.

\***Force:** refers to any violence, compulsion, or constraint physically exerted by any means upon a person or thing. *This can include threats of force.*

*"It sure felt fine...but you'll serve time!*

**Gross Sexual Imposition:** (R.C.2907.05 (A))

Sexual contact with a victim who is 12 years old or younger, which is a Felony 3 with a prison term of 1 to 5 years. Also includes sexual contact with a victim too intoxicated to resist, which is a Felony 4 with a prison term of 6 to 18 months.

**Sexual Imposition:** (R.C. 2907.06 (A))

No person shall have sexual contact with another if:

- 1) The offender knows the contact is offensive to the other person.
- 2) The offender knows the other person is substantially impaired.
- 3) The other person is 13, 14, or 15 years of age and the offender is 18 years or older.

*This battery only starts legal proceedings!*

**Sexual Battery:** (R.C. 2907.03 (A))

Sexual conduct by any of the following:

- 1) The offender knowingly coerces the other person to submit.
- 2) The offender knows the other person's ability to understand the conduct is impaired.
- 3) the offender is the person's natural or adoptive parent, step-parent, guardian, or custodian. The offender could also be a teacher, administrator, coach, or other person of authority employed or serving in a school.

*Any way you ask....It's a Felony!*

**Importuning:** (R.C. 2907.07 (A))

No person shall ask a person who is less than 13 years of age to engage in sexual activity. No person 18 years of age or older shall ask a person 13, 14, or 15 years of age to engage in sexual activity. The asking can occur: ***In person, in writing, on the phone, or on the internet.***

*This is not a funny picture!*

**Illegal use of a Minor in nudity-oriented material or performance:**

(R.C. 2907.323)

No child under the age of 18 may have their picture taken (by camera, phone, webcam, videotape, or any other means) *under any circumstances* when a private area is exposed. Taking, possessing, or distributing those pictures is a Felony.