

VANUATU DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICE

KNOW THE LAW

SEX and the LAW



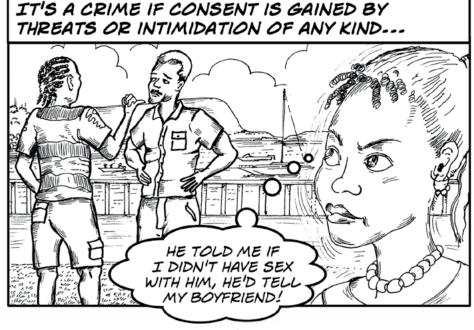
Safety, dignity and proper treatment for all.

It is a CRIME for any person to have sexual intercourse with another person without that person's consent (or permission)



The maximum penalty for SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITHOUT CONSENT is LIFE IMPRISONMENT



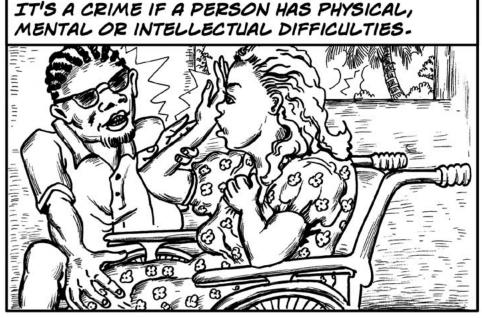


It is a CRIME to have sexual intercourse with another person if the consent is gained in the following circumstances:









Under-age sex is a CRIME!

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UNDER THE AGE OF 15 YEARS



If the person under the age of 15 years consents or you believe the person is over the age in question it is still a crime!

The maximum penalty for under-age sex is 14 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

Incest is a CRIME!

Incest is sexual intercourse between:

- a parent and a child (including an adopted child)
- brother and sister (whether half or whole blood)
 - · grandparent and grandchild

The maximum penalty for incest is

10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT



DID YOU KNOW?

It is also a CRIMINAL OFFENCE to help plan sexual offending or to watch it take place without trying to stop it.



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If you're not sure, ask someone that does:

Your nearest Police Station
Probation Service
Women's Counselling Centre
Public Solicitor's Office
USP Community Legal Centre, Emalus Campus, Port Vila

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