



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 by force or threats**

IT'S A CRIME IF CONSENT IS GAINED BY FORCE



**IT'S A CRIME IF CONSENT IS GAINED BY
THREATS OR INTIMIDATION OF ANY KIND...**



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

IT'S A CRIME IF CONSENT IS GAINED BY FEAR OF BODILY HARM...



IT'S A CRIME IF CONSENT IS GAINED BY MEANS OF FALSE REPRESENTATIONS...



IT'S A CRIME IF CONSENT IS GAINED AFTER DRINKING ALCOHOL, KAVA OR TAKING DRUGS...



IT'S A CRIME IF A PERSON HAS PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL DIFFICULTIES.



Under-age sex is a **CRIME!**

It is a **CRIME** for any person to have
sexual intercourse with another person
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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