

Plain and simple - underage sexual activity is a crime punishable under Wisconsin law.

You already know that sex can lead to pregnancy, AIDS, and other diseases, but did you know it could lead to jail time?

What you might consider an act of love can, and has been, prosecuted under Wisconsin law as a crime.

Know what you're doing.

Know what can happen.

**SEX:**  
Are you willing to do time for it?

# Consider these thoughts:

Can my partner and I get in trouble for having intercourse if we both say it's okay?

YES  NO

It may be okay with you, but it's not okay with the law. Wisconsin law makes it illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to say yes to sexual intercourse. The definition of sexual intercourse includes vaginal sex, anal sex, oral sex, or the insertion of any body part (including fingers) or any object into the vaginal or anal opening.

My boyfriend is 18, and I will be 18 next week. Does the law affect us?

YES  NO

Even if you turn 18 tomorrow, you're not old enough to give consent to sexual intercourse today. Your boyfriend could be charged with a misdemeanor offense. He could face a \$10,000 fine and up to 9 months in jail.

**The bottom line is that it is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to have sex.**

Alright, already! We get it. Sex under the age of 18 is not allowed. Is it okay if we just fool around and don't actually have sex, as long as we both give permission?

YES  NO

What you're talking about now is consenting to sexual contact, which includes the touching of any private area of the body, even over clothing. Under Wisconsin law, only people 16 or over can consent to sexual contact. Anyone who has sexual contact with someone under 16 has committed the crime of child sexual assault.

If two people under 16 have sexual contact, both of them have committed a crime under Wisconsin law. One or both of them could be charged with a crime or referred to juvenile services.

Can we get taken to court if neither one of us presses charges?

YES  NO

The State can prosecute a case of sexual assault even when the individuals involved don't press charges.

**Know what you're doing.  
Know what can happen.**

At age 15 or under  
can I legally consent to  
sexual intercourse?  YES  NO  
sexual contact?  YES  NO

At age 16  
can I legally consent to  
sexual intercourse?  YES  NO  
sexual contact?  YES  NO

At age 17  
can I legally consent to  
sexual intercourse?  YES  NO  
sexual contact?  YES  NO

At age 18  
can I legally consent to  
sexual intercourse?  YES  NO  
sexual contact?  YES  NO