

Sexual Offences

Sexual offences cover a wide range and variety of offences including rape, sexual touching, grooming, possessing/making indecent images of children or adults and indecent exposure. Those in a position of authority, such as teachers, carers and volunteers working with children can find themselves facing abuse of trust offences which are still sexual offences but are aggravated by the very breach of trust involved. Due to the sensitivity of this area of law we have decided not to describe the detail of each offence here.

The sentences, which apply if convicted of sexual offences, can be particularly severe, especially where children or vulnerable adults are concerned, and can range up to life imprisonment.

Whatever the nature of the allegation, a conviction can have a shattering effect on your family, career and business. Following conviction ancillary orders can be made such as Sexual Prevention Orders, which place restrictions on your day-to-day life to protect others, or being required to sign on the Sexual Offenders Register. A conviction would be likely to prevent you working with children or vulnerable adults in the future.

Clearly, because of the ramifications of a conviction of this nature, it is very important to seek expert legal advice as soon as any allegations are made against you.