

SCORECARD

REPORT CARD DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 2020



Final Score

71%

Final Grade

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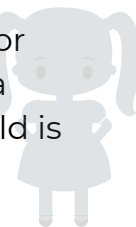
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SCORECARD TOPLINES

Child marriage is allowed with parental consent at a 16 years of age. Parental consent is not required for child marriage if a minor was previously married. The lowest age for consent to sexual contact is 16 years of age. Testing of the backlog of untested rape kits has not occurred. An exemption for spousal rape exists under laws criminalizing statutory rape. An exemption for spousal rape or unwanted sexual contact exists under laws criminalizing sexual contact between people with a supervisory relationship. The statute of limitations for the most serious felony sex crime is 11-20 years. The statute of limitations has not been eliminated for the most serious felony sex crimes. Exceptions to the statute of limitations do not exist for DNA evidence.

Child Marriage

The age of consent for marriage is generally 18 years of age. Marriage is permitted for minors at 16 years of age with parental consent. Parental consent is not required if a minor was previously married. A lower age limit is not permitted only because a child is pregnant or if a child is an active member of the armed forces. There is no gender difference in the lowest age permitted for a child to marry.



Consent to Sexual Contact

The lowest age of consent for sexual contact is 16 years of age. The law accounts for a difference in age between the individuals engaging in sexual contact. The law requires consent to be freely given or given by affirmative consent. The law accounts for a person's developmental disability or mental capacity impacting their ability to consent. The law accounts for a person's consciousness impacting their ability to consent. The law accounts for a person's intoxication level impacting their ability to consent. The law accounts for the relationship between a victim and perpetrator impacting the victim's ability to consent.



Discrimination & Hate Crimes

The District does have a hate crimes law and requires data collection on hate crimes. The District does criminalize interference with religious worship. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes or an independent crime for crimes motivated by race, religion, or ethnicity. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes motivated by sexual orientation. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes motivated by gender. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes or an independent crime for crimes motivated by gender identity. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes motivated by disability. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes motivated by political affiliation. The District does have a penalty enhancement for crimes motivated by age.



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Rape Kit Processing

The District has conducted an inventory of untested rape kits and the inventory is recurring. Testing of the backlog of untested rape kits has not occurred. Mandatory testing of new rape kits is required to occur. A rape kit tracking system has been implemented. A survivor's right to notice does exist. The District has provided funding for rape kit handling reform.



Spousal Rape

The District does not treat rape of a spouse differently than rape of an individual who is not a spouse of the perpetrator. The District does allow for conviction of a spouse for raping their partner if the partner is unconscious, drugged, or otherwise incapacitated. An exemption for spousal rape does exist under laws criminalizing statutory rape. An exemption for spousal rape or unwanted sexual contact does exist under laws criminalizing sexual contact between people with a supervisory relationship.



Statute of Limitations for Sexual Crimes

The District does not have a reduced statute of limitations for criminal prosecution if a victim chooses not to report the crime. The statute of limitations for the most serious felony sex crime is 11-20 years. The statute of limitations has not been eliminated for the most serious felony sex crimes. Exceptions to the statute of limitations do not exist for DNA evidence.

