

Bangladesh

Policy and Legislation

National Legislation

- The Penal Code 1860, 1860, sections 292, 293, 364A, 366, 366A, 366B, 367, 372 (Explanation I-II), 373, 375, 376
Source: <https://www.oecd.org/site/adboecdanti-corruptioninitiative/46812525.pdf>
- **Age of consent:** The age of consent for girls in Bangladesh is 14. There is not a specified age of consent for boys.
Source: *Penal Code, Section 375.*
- **Age of criminal responsibility:** The age of criminal responsibility in Bangladesh is 9 years of age. However, for children that have not yet attained “sufficient maturity,” the age of criminal responsibility is 12.
Source: *Penal Code, Sections 82-83.*
- The Prevention of Oppression Against Women and Children Act 2000, 2000, Section 6
Source: http://iknowpolitics.org/sites/default/files/prevention_act_bangladesh.pdf
- Shishu Ain Children Act 2013, 2013,
Source: http://www.supremecourt.gov.bd/resources/contents/Children_Act_2013-Brief_Commentary_v4.pdf
- The Pornography Control Act of 2012, 2012, Section 8.6
Source: <http://www.bdlawdigest.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Pornography-Control-Act-2012.pdf?816738>
- The Child Marriage Restriction Act, 1929, Section 2.1
Source: http://chdsla.gov.in/right_menu/act/pdf/childmarriage.pdf
 - **Age of marriage:** The legal age of marriage in Bangladesh is 18 for women and 21 for men.