

Peru

National Child Protection Legislation

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- a) **Age of Consent** – 14 years [[Article 173 Penal Code of Peru](#)]
- b) **Age of Criminal Responsibility** – 18 years, however, in cases of terrorism, the age of criminal liability is reduced to 15 years of age. [[Article 20 Penal Code of Peru](#)]
Adolescents are subjected to a juvenile justice system if they are between 12 and 18 years of age, and children less than 12 years of age are subjected only to protection measure. [Articles 183 and 184 of the [Code of Children and Adolescents](#)]
- c) **Age of Marriage** – 18 years, although minors from the age of 16 may marry with parental consent, or civil judge authorization. [Article 241 of the [Civil Code of Peru](#)]
Minors, in order to marry one another, require the express assent of their parents. [Article 244 of the [Civil Code of Peru](#)]

Child Pornography

- [Article 183-A of the Penal Code](#) – criminalizes conduct of possessing, promoting, manufacturing, distributing, exhibiting, offering, commercializing, publishing, importing or exporting by any means, including the Internet, material of pornographic content with a minor between the ages of 14 and 18, establishing as an aggravating circumstance when the victim is a minor under 14. (*This provision was most recently modified in Law 30096*)

Child Sexual Exploitation (*Child Sex Tourism*)

- [Article 181-A of the Penal Code](#) – establishes that it is a crime to promote, publish, assist, or facilitate the commercial sexual exploitation linked to tourism, by any written means, folder, printed, visual, audio, electronic, magnetic or through the Internet, offering sexual activities with children or adolescents. (*Most recently modified in Law 29408.*)

Online Grooming

- [Article 5 of Law 30096 of the Penal Code](#) – states that it is a crime to contact a minor with the use of any ICT, with the intent of soliciting or obtaining pornographic material or to have sexual activity with the minor. (*Penalty of 4 – 8 years in prison.*)

Child Abuse (*Affirmative Duty*)

- [Article 18 of Law 27337 \(Code of Children and Adolescents\)](#) – establishes that directors of schools must report ill treatment, abuses, and sexual violence suffered by any student.

National Plans to Combat Violence Against Children

- **Code for Children and Adolescents**, [Articles 34, 35, and 38](#) – assign responsibility for developing plans and programs to help children that were victims of sexual abuse to the PROMUDEH (Ministerio de Promocion de la Mujer y del Desarrollo Humano)