

The Wretched Vocabulary

Forcible rape: The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of young age).

Forcible sodomy: Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or due to temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sexual assault with an object: The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or due to temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Forcible fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or due to temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Unlawful, nonforcible sexual offenses:

Incest: Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory rape: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the age of consent.

Unlawful sexual act: such things as indecent liberties with a child, lewd and lascivious behavior, sexual battery, or exposing of a sex organ in the presence of a person who has not consented, with intent to gratify or arouse the sexual desires of the offender or another.

Sexual abuse: Forcing someone to do sexual things against one's will (or when one is unable to give consent), such as physically hurting the sexual parts of another's body or treating someone as if they were a sexual object.

Physical abuse: Pushing, shoving, hitting, kicking, grabbing, punching, slapping, choking, twisting arms, biting, throwing or pulling someone, using a weapon, are examples of physical abuse.

Emotional abuse: Putting someone down, making one feel bad about oneself, calling another names, making a person think they are crazy, playing mind games, controlling another person, verbally assaulting another are examples.

Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome physical contact of a sexual nature, unwelcome verbal or physical conduct, including but not limited to the deliberate, repeated making of unsolicited gestures or comments, or the deliberate display of offensive sexually graphic material.

Perpetrator/assailant: The person abusing a victim. About 95-98% of sexual assailants are male; 10-20% use a weapon; average age = mid 20's.

Victim: One being abused. 85-90% are female; average age mid teens; 85-90% same race as perpetrator.