

Minors, Consent, and Sexual Assault: Texas Laws

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How old do you have to be to...	Age	Statutory Citation
Consent to sexual activity?	17	Tex. Pen. Code § 22.011(c) (aff. defense if minor is 14-16, partner is not more than 3 years older, and sex is factually consensual)
Make a police report without your parents?	Any age	Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 2.13
Refuse to a sexual assault forensic examination?	16; Minors younger than 16 may be compelled.	Tex. Fam. Code 32.005
Consent to a sexual assault forensic examination without police involvement.	18	Tex. Code. Crim. Proc. 56.065(h) & Tex. Fam. Code Sec. 261.101.
Consent to the release of evidence collection kit to police?	14	Tex. Gov. Code § 420.0735(a)
Consent to counseling at a rape crisis center?	Any age	Tex. Fam. Code § 32.004
Consent to advocacy from a rape crisis center?	Any age	Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 56.045
Decide whether your parents can participate in your counseling sessions at a rape crisis center or see your file?	18	Tex. Fam. Code § 32.004(b)(2)
Waive/choose not to waive confidentiality at a rape crisis center?	18	Tex. Fam. Code 261.101 Tex. Gov. Code § 420.071 42. U.S.C.A. § 13925
Apply for a protective order to protect you from sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.	Any age; Guardian or prosecutor can file on minor's behalf	Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art 7A.01 Tex. Fam. Code § 82.002
Consent to medical care from a physician or mental health care?	18; 16 if living separate from guardians and independently managing finances	Tex. Fam. Code § 32.003(a)(2)
Consent to pregnancy-related care, excluding abortion?	18	Tex. Fam. Code § 32.003(a)(4)
Consent to an abortion?	18; if no medical necessity, minors need parental consent or court order authorizing minor's consent.	Tex. Fam. Code §§ 33.002-33.004 Tex. Occ. Code § 164.052(a)(19)

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