

**Republic of Armenia**  
**Criminal Code (adopted April 18, 2003)**

(excerpts)

**Article 131. Kidnapping.**

1. The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by means of the threat or use of force, of kidnapping, of fraud, of other deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or bribing to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of human organs, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 2 to 5 years.
2. The same action committed:
  - 1) by a group of persons with prior agreement;
  - 2) by using violence dangerous for life or health or threat of using violence;
  - 3) by using weapons or items used as weapons;
  - 4) against a minor;
  - 5) against a pregnant woman;
  - 6) against two or more persons;
  - 7) with mercenary motives,
  - 8) by a person previously convicted for kidnapping, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 4 to 8 years.
3. The act envisaged in part 1 or 2 of this Article, if:
  - 1) it was done by an organized group;
  - 2) by negligence the death of the aggrieved was caused or other grave consequences, or grave damage was inflicted to his health,is punished with imprisonment for the term of 7 to 10 years.

**Article 132. Trafficking**

1. Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor, by means of the threat or use of force, of fraud, of using the dependence, of blackmail, of threat of destruction or damage to property, if this was done for mercenary purposes, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for up to 1 year, or arrest for up to 2 months, or imprisonment for the term of 1 to 4 years.
2. The same act committed:
  - 1) by a group of persons with prior agreement;
  - 2) with violence dangerous for life or health, or threat thereof;
  - 3) against a minor;
  - 4) against 2 or more persons;is punished with correctional labor for up to 2 years, or imprisonment for up to 4 to 7 years.
3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 or 2 of this Article, which:
  - 1) were done by an organized group;

2) caused the death of the aggrieved by negligence or other grave consequences, is punished with imprisonment for 5 to 8 years.

**Article 133. Illegal deprivation of freedom.**

1. Illegal deprivation of freedom not concerned with kidnapping is punished with correctional labor for up to 2 years, or with arrest for the term of 1 to 3 months, or with imprisonment for up to 2 years.
2. The same action committed:
  - 1) by a group with prior agreement;
  - 2) using dangerous violence or threat of using violence;
  - 3) by using weapons or items used as weapons;
  - 4) against a minor;
  - 5) against a pregnant woman;
  - 6) against two or more persons;
  - 7) with mercenary motives,

is punished with imprisonment for 3 to 5 years.

3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 or 2 of this Article, if:
  - 1) done by an organized group;
  - 2) the death of the aggrieved was caused by negligence or other grave consequences,is punished with imprisonment for 4 to 8 years.

**Article 165. Involving a minor into committal of crime.**

1. Involvement, by a person who reached 18 years, of a minor who reached the age of criminal liability for the given crime under this Code, into committal of a crime through promises, deception or other ways, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.
2. The same action which was committed by a parent, teacher or other person in charge of rearing the minor, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years, or without that.
3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 and 2 of this Article, committed by using violence or threat of violence, are punished with imprisonment for the term of 2 to 7 years.
4. Actions envisaged in parts 1, 2 or 3 of this Article, accompanied with involvement of the minor into an organized group or criminal association or into the committal of a grave or particularly grave crime, are punished with imprisonment for the term of 5 to 7 years.

**Article 166. Involving a child into antisocial activity.**

1. Involvement, by a person who reached 18 years, of a child into regular use of alcoholic drinks, strong or other narcotic drugs not for medical purposes, into prostitution, vagrancy or beggary, into preparation or dissemination of pornography or pornographic materials, is punished with correctional labor for up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of 1-2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of 5 years.

2. The same action which was committed by a parent, teacher or other person in charge of rearing the child, is punished with correctional labor for up to 2 years, or arrest for up to 2 months, or imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years, or without that.
3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 and 2 of this Article, which:
  - 1) were committed in relation to 2 or more persons;
  - 2) were accompanied with violence or threat of violence, are punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 6 years.

**Article 167. Illegal separation of the child from the parents or substitution of the child.**

1. Separation of the child from the parents without the parents' consent, except cases envisaged in law, or substitution of the child, is punished with correctional labor for up to 2 years, or imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years.
2. The same actions committed:
  - 1) in relation to 2 or more children;
  - 2) by previous agreement of a group of persons;
  - 3) abusing official position;
  - 4) illegally transporting the child from one state to another;
  - 5) in order to involve the child into committal of a crime or other antisocial act;
  - 6) in order to harvest the child's parts of the body or tissues for transplantation, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 8 years.
3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 or 2 of this Article committed by an organized group, or negligently caused the child's death or other grave consequences, are punished with imprisonment for the term of 5 to 10 years.

**Article 168. Child trafficking.**

Child trafficking is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 7 years.

**Article 261. Involvement into prostitution.**

1. Involvement into prostitution, by violence or use of violence, abuse of dependent position, by threat to destroy, steal or damage property, or dissemination of defamatory information about a person or close relatives, or by deception, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. The same actions committed
  - 1) With respect to a minor,
  - 2) by an organized group, are punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 2 years, or with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 6 years.

**Article 262. Maintaining dens of prostitution or pimping.**

Maintaining dens of prostitution or pimping, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years.

**Article 263. Illegal dissemination of pornographic materials or items.**

1. Illegal manufacture, sale as well as, dissemination of pornographic materials or items, as well as, printed publications, films and videos, images or other pornographic objects, and advertising, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. Forcing minors to get involved in creation of software, video or film materials, pictures or other items of pornographic nature, as well as presenting children's pornography through computer network, is punished with a fine in the amount of 400 to 800 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of up to 3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.
3. The same act committed by an organized group, is punished with imprisonment for 2-4 years.