



**MASSACHUSETTS**

<b>SEXUAL OFFENSE STATUTES</b>	<b>STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS</b>	<b>DNA EXCEPTION</b>
<p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 22 Rape Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years If committed while being armed, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 10 years If second or subsequent offense under this section, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 15 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 22A Rape of child Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 22B Rape of child during commission of certain offenses or by use of force Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years not less than 15 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, §22C. Rape of a child through use of force by certain previously convicted offenders Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years not less than 20 years</p>	<p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 277, § 63 Limitation of criminal prosecutions No time limit for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape of a child under 16 (ch. 265, § 22A)</li> <li>• Rape of child (ch. 265, § 23)</li> <li>• Assault on child under 16 with intent to commit rape (ch. 265, § 24B)</li> </ul> <p>For the following offenses, within 15 years after commission of the offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape (ch. 265, § 22)</li> <li>• Assault with intent to commit rape (ch. 265, § 24)</li> </ul> <p>For incest (ch. 272, § 17), within 10 years after commission of the offense</p> <p>For any other crime, within six years after commission of the offense</p> <p>For the following offenses, if victim is under the age of 16 at the time of commission of the offense, the period of limitation will not begin until victim reaches 16 or the violation is reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever occurs earlier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape (ch. 265, § 22)</li> <li>• Rape of child under 16 (ch. 265, § 22A)</li> <li>• Rape of child (ch. 265, § 23)</li> </ul>	

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<p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 23 Rape and abuse of child Punishable by imprisonment for life or for any term of years or, for any term in a jail or house of correction.</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 23A Rape and abuse of child aggravated by age difference between defendant and victim or by when committed by mandated reporters Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years not less than 10 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 23B Rape and abuse of child a by certain previously convicted offenders Punishable by imprisonment for life in state prison or for any term of years not less than 15 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 24 Assault with intent to commit rape Punishable by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and a half years If second or subsequent, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any term of years If committed while armed, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 5 years; if</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assault on child under 16 with intent to commit rape (ch. 265, § 24B)</li> <li>• Incest (ch. 272, § 17)</li> <li>• Crime against nature (ch. 272, § 34)</li> <li>• Unnatural an lascivious acts (ch. 272, § 35)</li> <li>• Unnatural and lascivious acts with child under 16 (ch. 272, § 35A)</li> </ul>	
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<p>second or subsequent, for not less than 20 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265, § 24B Assault on child with intent to commit rape Punishable by imprisonment for life or any term of years; if offender over 18 commits subsequent offense, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 5 years If committed while armed, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 10 years; if offender over 18 commits second or subsequent such offense, punishable by imprisonment for not less than 15 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 2 Enticing away person for prostitution or sexual intercourse Punishable by imprisonment for not more than 3 years or in jail for not more than 1 year, and/or by a fine of not more than \$1000</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 3 Drugging persons for sexual intercourse Punishable by imprisonment for not less than 10 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 4 Inducing person under 18 to have sexual intercourse Punishable by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 3 years or in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and a half years, and/or by a fine of not more than</p>		
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<p>\$1,000</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 6 Owner of place inducing or suffering person to resort in such place for sexual intercourse Punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 5 years and a \$5000 fine</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 16 Open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior Punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 3 years or in jail for not more than 2 years, or by a fine of not more than \$300</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 17 Incest Punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 34 Crime against nature Punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years</p> <p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 35 Unnatural and lascivious acts Punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in jail or the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years.</p>		
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<p>MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 272, § 35A Unnatural and lascivious acts with child under 16 Punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in jail or the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years. If offender over 18 commits second or subsequent offense, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 5 years.</p>		
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