

IGNORANCE RESULTS IN CRIME

MYTH or FACT

- *“Possession of a lump of hash or a joint for your own use is legal.”*
- NO: Any form of possession of euphoricants is illegal and punishable by a fine or more.

- *“You must attend school for at least 9 years.”*
- YES: School attendance is compulsory in Denmark up to and including the 9th grade.

- *“Consensual sex is legal if you’re 13 or 14 years old.”*
- NO: The age of consent for sexual intercourse is 15. This means that it is illegal to have sex with one another. If either of you is 15 or older, the punishment is up to 8 years in prison.

- *“It’s not a criminal offence to threaten others on the internet or in chat rooms.”*
- YES IT IS: This is a violation of the Criminal Code. It is punishable by fine or up to 2 years in prison.

- *“No one kicked or beat him - We only took his mobile - It wasn’t robbery.”*
- YES IT WAS: If you gain possession of things for yourself or others by using violence, threatening violence or inducing a fear of this, you will be punished for ROBBERY with the risk of being sentenced to up to 6 years in prison.

STOP AND THINK!! IT’S YOUR FUTURE THAT’S AT STAKE!!

FROM THE AGE OF 8 (APPROXIMATELY)

- A child/adolescent can be sentenced to pay compensation.
- The mother and father pay up to DKK 7,500, and the adolescent pays the rest.
- A claim for compensation exists for 20 years and can be prolonged.

13 YEARS OF AGE

- You can get a job delivering papers.
- You can create a chat profile online.

15 YEARS OF AGE

- The age of criminal liability.
- You can be criminally prosecuted and punished.
- Your criminal record can be printed with your guardian’s signature.
- You may start working in shops.
- The age of consent for sexual intercourse.

16 YEARS OF AGE

- You may obtain a moped licence.
- You may buy beer and spirits with an alcohol content of up to 16.4%
- You may work as a checkout assistant in a store.
- You may gamble on Oddset and similar games.

18 YEARS OF AGE

- You are considered an adult.
- You are entitled to vote.
- You may obtain a driver’s licence for a car and motorcycle.
- You may buy strong spirits (alcohol content above 16.5%).
- You may buy cigarettes and tobacco.
- You may legally buy a soft gun.

SMART CHAT RULES:

- Set limits
- Never meet a friend you have made in a chat forum alone
- Don't give anyone your personal data
- React to and save any documentation of threats, etc.
- Talk to someone you trust if you feel unsafe or afraid

REMEMBER:

- Threats made by SMS text messaging, Facebook or similar are punishable by law with a fine and/or a suspended sentence.
- You cannot rely on body language when texting or sending chat messages.
- There is no way to control what you post online.
- Nothing is what it appears to be!
- "Facerape" is when you abuse someone else's profile and is punishable by an unconditional prison sentence and a fine.

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REMEMBER:

LIABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION:

- If a child or adolescent commits vandalism, the parents and the child may be liable to pay compensation.

THIS MEANS THAT:

The parents may be sentenced to pay up to DKK 7,500 and the child/youth must pay the rest themselves. For example: If a young person has vandalised something and the bill amounts to DKK 50,000, then the parents must pay DKK 7,500 and the young person must pay DKK 42,500. Such a claim for compensation is in force for 20 years and may be prolonged.

Common fine amounts:

- Riding a bike while using a hand-held mobile: DKK 1,000
- Riding a moped while using a hand-held mobile: DKK 1,500

CERTIFICATE OF CRIMINAL RECORD:

- A. Fines for violations of the Criminal Code are on your record for 2 years.
Examples: shoplifting, simple theft, vandalism, threats.
- B. Suspended sentences are on your record for 3 years.
Examples: arson (without risking the life of others), violence, burglary, serious threats.
- C. Unconditional sentences are on your record for 5 years.
Examples: arson (endangering human life), aggravated assault, robbery.
- D. Fines for violation of the Road Traffic Act and other special acts are not registered in the criminal record.
Examples: the Offensive Weapons Act (first violation = fine of DKK 5,000); Possession of hashish (first violation = fine of DKK 2,000; second violation = fine of DKK 3,000; third violation = fine of DKK 4,000).

Young people aged 15–18 will not get a criminal record for their first non-serious crime, such as shoplifting, which results in a fine or a suspended sentence. However, they must pay the fine and any compensation.

If the young person commits another criminal offence within three years from the first decision, both sentences will be made absolute and figure on the criminal record.