

Lawfind Response

Query: what is the penalty for rape

Answer:

The penalty for rape under Article 620 is rigorous imprisonment from five to fifteen years. However, this base penalty is significantly increased by several aggravating circumstances:

* **Article 620 (2):** The penalty becomes rigorous imprisonment from five to twenty years if the rape is committed on: a) a young woman aged 13-18; b) an inmate of a facility under the accused's authority; c) a woman incapable of understanding or resisting due to age, illness, etc.; or d) by multiple men acting together or with cruelty/sadism.

* **Article 620 (3):** If the rape causes grave physical or mental injury or death, the punishment is life imprisonment.

* **Article 620 (4):** If the rape is connected to illegal restraint/abduction or transmits a communicable disease, the relevant code provisions apply concurrently (meaning additional penalties are added).

* **Article 628:** The punishment becomes rigorous imprisonment from five to twenty-five years (unless a more severe penalty is already prescribed) if: a) the victim becomes pregnant; b) the perpetrator transmits a venereal disease; or c) the victim commits suicide due to the rape.

In summary, the penalty for rape varies greatly depending on the circumstances, ranging from five years to life imprisonment. The specific facts of each case determine which provisions apply and, therefore, the final sentence.

Sources:

Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 551), Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 552), Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 550), Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 560), Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 559)

Source Previews:

- Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 551): . (2) Where the crime is committed: a) on a young woman between thirteen and eighteen years of age; or b) on an inmate of an alms-house or asylum or any establishment of health, education, correction,...
- Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 552): . (4) Where the rape is related to illegal restraint or abduction of the victim, or where communicable disease has been transmitted to her, the relevant provisions of this Code shall apply concurrentl...
- Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 550): . Where the allegations constituting the injury to the memory of the person affected refer to a public activity of any kind which has passed 245 into the historical, artistic, literary or scientific d...
- Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 560): .- Other Grounds Aggravating the Crime. In all cases involving rape or sexual outrage (Arts. 620 - 627), the punishment shall be rigorous imprisonment from five years to twenty-five years, where the r...
- Criminal_Code.txt (Chunk 559): . (4) Where the victim is the pupil, apprentice, domestic servant or ward of the criminal, or a child entrusted to his custody or care, or in any other way directly dependant upon or subordinate to hi...