

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**Rosalia Viafore**  
**via the FOI website**

Dear Rosalia Viafore,

regarding your Freedom of Information request titled “sodomy” we collected the following information:

Sodomy () is generally anal or oral sex between people or sexual activity between a person and a non-human animal (bestiality), but it may also mean any non-procreative sexual activity. Originally, the term sodomy, which is derived from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Book of Genesis, was commonly restricted to anal sex. Sodomy laws in many countries criminalized the aforementioned behaviors. In the Western world, many of these laws have been overturned or are not routinely enforced.

Sincerely,

John Smith  
**FOI Manager**