Chapter: 7. Sexual Offences

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This chapter considers the offences of rape and sexual assault. It begins with a discussion of the law on sexual offences covering the perpetrators and victims of rape; assault by penetration; causing sexual activity without consent; sexual offences designed to protect children; offences against those with a mental disorder; prostitution and trafficking; and incest. The second part of the chapter focuses on the theory of sexual offences and sexual crimes; statistics on rape; the nature of rape; consent and sexual activity; the mens rea for rape; and the actus reus of rape.

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