
CONSENT BY A MINOR OVER 16 YEARS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

The consent of a minor who has attained the age of 16 years to any surgical, medical or dental treatment shall be as effective as it would be if s/he were of full age.

It is not necessary to obtain the consent from the minor's parent/guardian.

Further information from

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM,**
72 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 602 8202

CENTRAL AUTHORITY FOR CHILD ABDUCTION
Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Bishop's Square, Redmond's Hill, Dublin 2
LoCall: 1890 555 509 Tel: 01 479 0290/0287

ICPAC
Irish Centre for Parentally Abducted Children
Tel: 01 6620667

NON-FATAL OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ACT 1997



HARASSMENT

A person is guilty of harassment if he or she, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, by any means (including by telephone), harasses another by persistently:-

*following / watching / pestering
besetting or communicating*

with the victim, and by his or her acts, intentionally or recklessly

- *seriously interferes with the person's peace and privacy*
- or**
- *causes alarm, distress or harm to the person.*

If convicted....

A person may be ordered by the court, for a period specified by the court:-

- not to communicate by any means with the other person
- or**
- not to approach within such distance as the court shall specify of the place of residence or employment of the other person
- and**
- to pay a fine or be imprisoned, or both (maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment).

What if the person is not convicted of the alleged offence?

If on the evidence, the court is not satisfied that the person should be convicted, the court, if it is satisfied that it is in the interest of justice to do so, can make an order for the person not to communicate with the other person or approach the other person's residence or workplace.

To apply for an order (called Breach of the Peace) under Section 10 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act in Dublin contact:

**Civil Office, 3rd Floor, Dolphin House, East Essex Street,
Dublin 2. Tel: 01-8886363 / 8886362**

For anyone living outside the Dublin area an action for Breach of the Peace may be taken through the local District Court.

CHILD ABDUCTION

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CUSTODIANS OF A CHILD

cannot take, send or keep a child under the age of 16 years out of the State -

- without the consent of the other parent/guardian/custodian
(This may also apply in the situation where a parent has applied to the court for guardianship but that case has not yet been heard)

OR

- in defiance of a court order.

A person guilty of this offence may be fined or imprisoned, or both (maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment).

OTHER PERSONS

may not intentionally take or detain a child under the age of 16 years -

- so as to remove the child from the lawful control of any person having lawful control of the child

OR

- keep the child out of the lawful control of that person.

A person guilty of this offence may be fined or imprisoned, or both (maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment).