

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

Category:	Sexual Crime
Country:	Cyprus
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Main policy page:	<p>Cyprus police operates in multi-level ways to prevent all kinds of sexual crime. The main areas of concern in this context are: child sexual abuse, child pornography, prostitution, sexual assault, rape, and sexual abuse within the Family.</p> <p>Law 91(I)14 Provides for the investigation and conviction relating to offences concerning child sexual abuse as well as trafficking for sexual purposes and child pornography.</p> <p>The law makes reporting of child sexual abuse, by any person, mandatory, providing for penalties for not reporting and stricter penalties for persons convicted for child sexual abuse.</p> <p>By this law, the age of consent is specified to be 17, and all statements by victims / witnesses of such crimes have to be videotaped.</p> <p>The police maintains a registry of people who have been convicted of sexual crimes against children. Each person convicted for such a crime, after his / her release from prison, has to report any change of address, at the Central Police Station of his / her District.</p> <p>All employers, whose enterprise involves providing services to children, are by law required to ask from prospective employees, for a police certificate stating that they are not included in the aforementioned Registry.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Continuous patrols and checks are carried out in high risk places while intelligence gathering / analysis enables targeted interventions.</p> <p>Information brochures are being distributed to ensure prevention of victimisation in the areas of sexual assault (both children and adults) and rape, as well as sexual abuse in the family.</p> <p>Child pornography measures are taken largely in collaboration with partner organisations with website information and media coverage.</p>
Relevant legislation:	<p>Chapter 154, articles 144-177 (Offences against Morality)</p> <p>Prevention and combating of trafficking and exploitation of Human Beings and protection of victims Law 60(I)/2014</p> <p>Prevention and Combating of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of</p>

	Children and Child Pornography Law 91(I)14
Trends:	See www.police.gov.cy for statistical data.

Contacts:	National organisations: http://www.cyberethics.info/cyethics1/ www.cytanet.com.cy Social Welfare Services http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/dmlindex_en/dmlindex_en#
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