

THE LAW AND PROSTITUTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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There are laws which make certain behaviour related to prostitution illegal:

- It is against the law to 'solicit' or proposition a person in a street or other public place to buy sex from a prostitute.
- It is against the law to 'kerb crawl' in a car or other vehicle to buy sex from a prostitute.
- It is against the law for a prostitute to 'loiter' and 'solicit' for business in a street or other public place.
- It is also against the law to cause, incite or control prostitution for gain and to keep or manage a brothel used for prostitution.
- It is a serious offence to pay for sex with a person under the age of 18. There is a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.
- It is also against the law to cause, incite, control, arrange or facilitate the involvement of a person under 18 in prostitution or pornography. You could go to prison for a maximum of 14 years.