



# Sexual Offences Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 42

### PART 1

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES

##### *Rape and other offences against children under 13*

#### **7 Sexual assault of a child under 13**

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) he intentionally touches another person,
  - (b) the touching is sexual, and
  - (c) the other person is under 13.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.