

## National State Law Survey: Internet Offenses

| State <sup>1</sup> | State law may apply to buyers who use the Internet to purchase sex with minors | State law may apply to traffickers who use the Internet to sexually exploit minors |
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| Alabama            | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Alaska             | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Arizona            | Yes (only with harmful materials)  | Yes (only with harmful materials)  |
| Arkansas           | Yes (under 17)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| California         | Yes  | Yes  |
| Colorado           | Yes (under 15)   | Yes (under 15)   |
| Connecticut        | Yes  | Yes  |
| Delaware           | Yes (not Internet-specific)  | Yes (not Internet-specific)  |
| DC                 | No   | No   |
| Florida            | Yes  | Yes  |
| Georgia            | Yes  | Yes  |
| Hawaii             | Yes  | Yes  |
| Idaho              | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Illinois           | Yes  | Yes  |
| Indiana            | Yes (under 16 is a penalty enhancement, not a separate offense)                | Yes (under 16 and is a penalty enhancement, not a separate offense)                |
| Iowa               | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Kansas             | Yes  | Yes  |
| Kentucky           | Yes  | Yes  |
| Louisiana          | Yes (under 17)   | Yes (under 17)   |
| Maine              | No   | No   |
| Maryland           | Yes  | Yes  |
| Massachusetts      | Yes  | Yes  |
| Michigan           | Yes  | Yes  |
| Minnesota          | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Mississippi        | Yes  | Yes  |
| Missouri           | Yes (under 15)   | Yes (under 15)   |
| Montana            | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| Nebraska           | Yes (under 17)   | Yes (under 17)   |
| Nevada             | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| New Hampshire      | Yes  | Yes  |
| New Jersey         | Yes  | Yes  |
| New Mexico         | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| New York           | Yes (under 17)   | Yes (under 17)   |
| North Carolina     | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |
| North Dakota       | Yes  | Yes  |
| Ohio               | Yes (under 16)   | No   |
| Oklahoma           | Yes  | Yes  |
| Oregon             | Yes (under 16)   | Yes (under 16)   |

<sup>1</sup> Evaluations of state law are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2017 and include statutes that apply without specifically criminalizing commercial conduct. For related policy goals, background information, and statute highlights, please visit [http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue\\_Briefs/Issue\\_Briefs\\_2.5.pdf](http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_2.5.pdf) and [http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue\\_Briefs/Issue\\_Briefs\\_3.3.pdf](http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_3.3.pdf).

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| Pennsylvania       | Yes   | Yes   |
| Rhode Island       | Yes   | Yes   |
| South Carolina     | No  | No  |
| South Dakota       | Yes (under 16)  | Yes (under 16)  |
| Tennessee          | Yes   | Yes   |
| Texas              | Yes (under 17)  | Yes (under 17)  |
| Utah               | Yes   | Yes   |
| Vermont            | Yes (under 16)  | Yes (under 16)  |
| Virginia           | Yes   | Yes   |
| Washington         | Yes   | Yes   |
| West Virginia      | Yes   | Yes   |
| Wisconsin          | Yes (under 16)  | Yes (under 16)  |
| Wyoming            | No  | No  |
| <b>Totals:</b>     | <b>47 states</b> have laws that may apply to buyers who use the Internet to purchase sex with minors. | <b>46 states</b> have laws that may apply to traffickers who use the Internet to sexually exploit minors. |