



CHILD PROTECTION IN THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

National Commission for Women and
Children







Legal Framework





NATIONAL

- Tsa Trhim Chhenmo
- Child Care and Protection Act 2011
- Child Adoption Act 2012
- Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2013
- Penal Code of Bhutan 2004 & 2011
- Civil and Criminal Procedure Code 2001 & 2011
- Prison Act 2009
- Police Act 2009
- Citizenship Act 1977 & 1985
- Labour and Employment Act 2007
- Inheritance Act
- Marriage Act 1980 & 1995
- Immigration Act 2007





INTERNATIONAL

- **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**
- **Two Optional Protocols of the CRC:**
 - **Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict**
 - **Sale of Children and Child Pornography**
- **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**
- **Two SAARC Conventions:**
 - **Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution**
 - **Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia**
- **Beijing Platform for Action**
- **Beijing Declaration for South-South Cooperation**
- **child rights**
- **Yokohama Global Commitment Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**





Penal Code of Bhutan

Sexual intercourse with a child under 12 years

- Statutory rape
- 1st Degree felony

Sexual intercourse with a child above 12 years

- 2nd Degree felony

Gang rape of a child under 12 years

- Life imprisonment

Gang rape of a child between 12- 16 years

- 1st Degree felony

Gang rape of a child above 16 year and below 18 years

- 2nd Degree felony

Patronizing a child exploited for sex work
1. between 12-18 years
2. Below 12 years

1. 4th Degree felony
2. 3rd Degree Felony



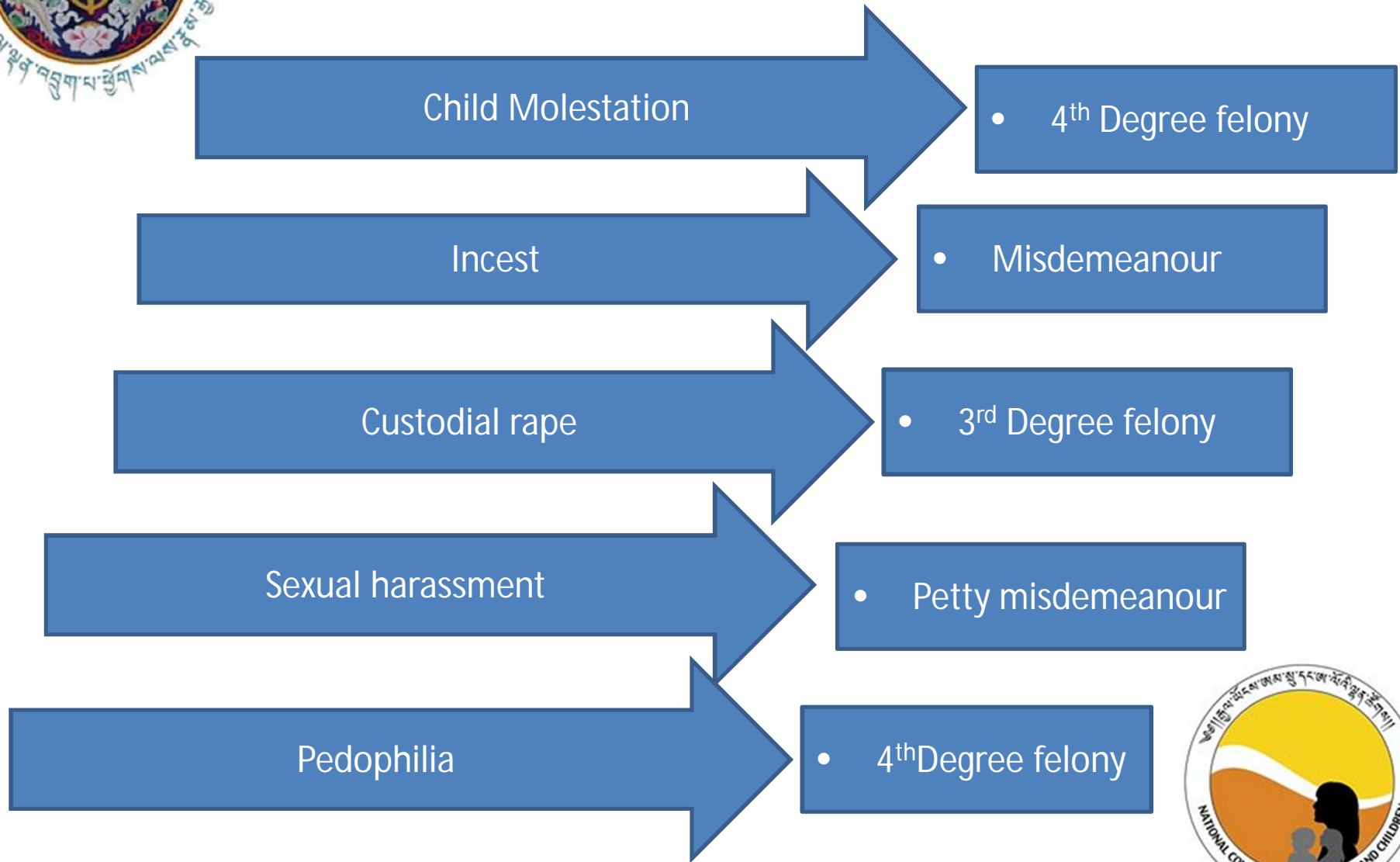


Note: *If both persons are 16 years and above then not graded as rape if consensual*



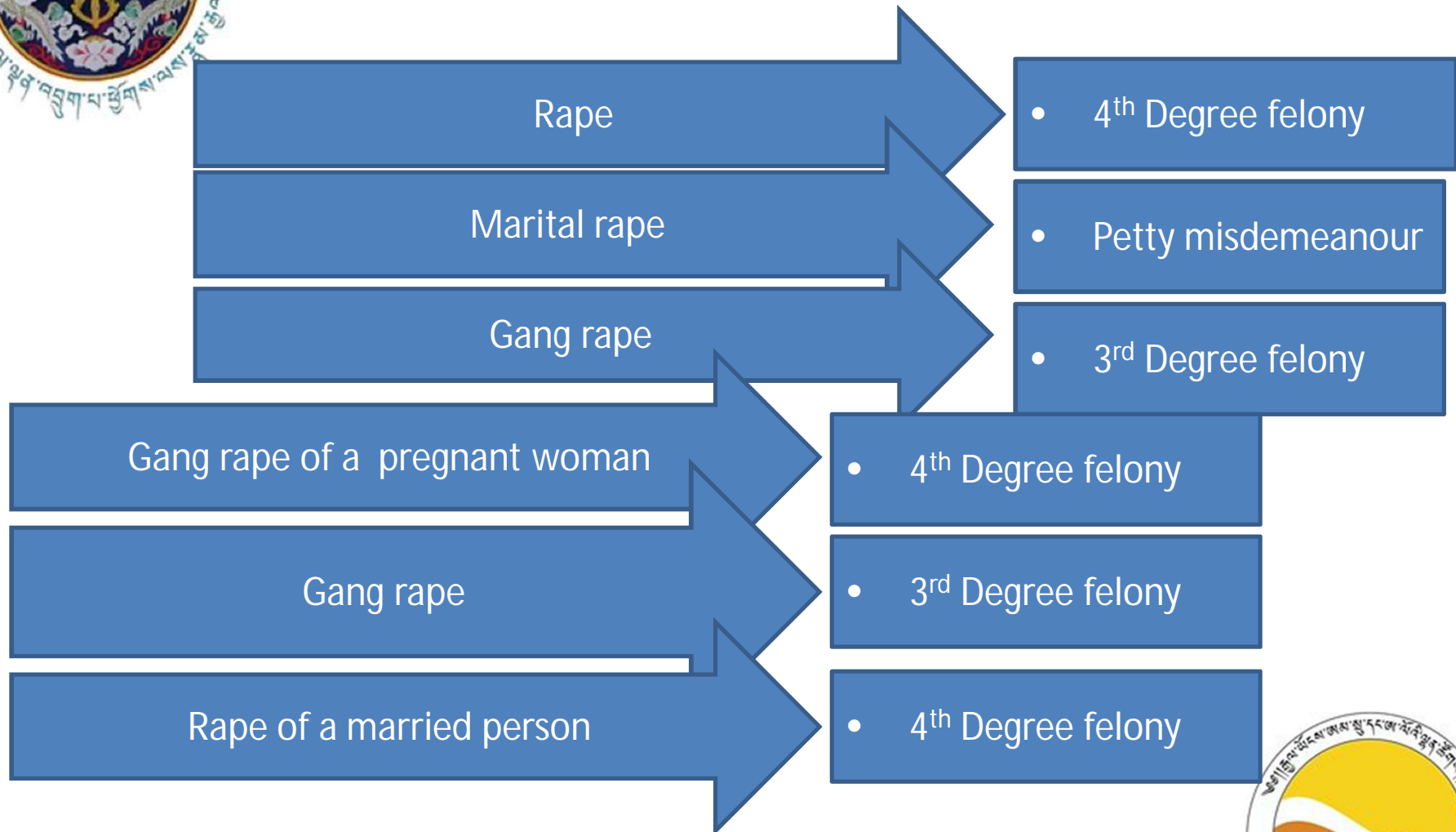


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Other penal offences against children include

- » Trafficking
- » Child abuse
- » Abandonment
- » Endangerment
- » Computer pornography





Risk Factors increasing vulnerability

- » Migration
- » Low education level of parents/care givers
- » Peer pressure
- » Family fragmentation
- » Disabilities
- » Living arrangements
- » Emergencies
- » Alcohol and substance abuse
- » Dropping out of school
- » Disabilities
- » HIV/AIDS





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