

**617.292 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** As used in sections 617.291 to 617.297, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Minor.** "Minor" means any person under the age of 18 years.

Subd. 3. **Nudity.** "Nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple, or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

Subd. 4. **Sexual conduct.** "Sexual conduct" means acts of masturbation, homosexuality, sexual intercourse, or physical contact with a person's unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks or, if such a person be a female, her breast.

Subd. 5. **Sexual excitement.** "Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.

Subd. 6. **Sadomasochistic abuse.** "Sadomasochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person clad in undergarments, a mask or bizarre costume, or the condition of being fettered, bound or otherwise physically restrained on the part of one so clothed.

Subd. 7. **Harmful to minors.** "Harmful to minors" means that quality of any description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, when it:

- (1) predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful or morbid interest of minors;
- (2) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and
- (3) is utterly without redeeming social importance for minors.

Subd. 8. **Knowingly.** "Knowingly" means having general knowledge of, or reason to know, or a belief or ground for belief which warrants further inspection or inquiry or both:

- (1) the character and content of any material which is reasonably susceptible of examination by the defendant; and
- (2) the age of the minor, provided however that an honest mistake shall constitute an excuse from liability hereunder if the defendant made a reasonable bona fide attempt to ascertain the true age of such minor.

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