



## ARKANSAS

SEXUAL OFFENSE STATUTES	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS	DNA EXCEPTION
<p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-103 Rape Class Y felony</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-110 Sexual indecency with a child Class D felony</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-124 Sexual assault, first degree Class A felony</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-125 Sexual assault, second degree Class B felony</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-126 Sexual assault, third degree Class C felony</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-14-127 Sexual assault, fourth degree Class D felony if offender over 20 engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with victim under 16 and not offender's spouse Class A misdemeanor if offender engages in sexual contact with victim under 16 and not offender's spouse</p> <p>ARK. CODE § 5-26-202 Incest Class C felony</p>	<p>ARK. CODE § 5-1-109 Statute of limitations</p> <p>(b) (1) (A) For class Y and class A felonies, within six years after commission of the offense</p> <p>(b) (2) For class B, class C, class D, and unclassified felonies, within three years after commission of the offense</p> <p>(b) (3) For misdemeanors and violations, within one year after commission of the offense</p> <p>(h) For the following offenses, even if the statute of limitations has run, prosecution can be commenced if the offense was committed against a minor, the offense has not previously been reported to a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney, and the statute of limitations has not expired since the victim has reached 18 years of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape (§ 5-14-103)</li> <li>• Sexual assault in the first degree (§ 5-14-124)</li> <li>• Sexual assault in the second degree (§ 5-14-125)</li> <li>• Sexual assault in the third degree (§ 5-14-126)</li> <li>• Sexual assault in the fourth degree (§ 5-14-127)</li> <li>• Incest (§ 5-26-202)</li> </ul>	<p>ARK. CODE § 5-1-109 Statute of limitations</p> <p>(b) (1) (B) For rape (§ 5-14-103), the period of limitation can be extended to 15 years if a prosecution within that time is based on DNA tests or other tests which may become available through advances in technology</p>

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