

Some crimes have statutes of limitations (SOL) - essentially a time limit from when the crime occurred to when a crime is punishable after you initiate legal proceedings. For example, in a criminal case, if the SOL has expired when you report the crime, the case can no longer be tried in court. Thankfully many SOL have been removed due to the delay in reporting sex-related crimes, especially childhood sex crimes.

California Crimes & Statutes of Limitations (SOL)	
Penal Code ( <u>PC</u> ) Violations	SOL from the Time the Abuse Occurred ( <u>PC 799 - 805</u> )
<u>PC 261</u> : Non-consensual sexual intercourse <u>PC 261.5</u> : Unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor <u>PC 288</u> : Lewd or lascivious act with a child <u>PC 288.2</u> : Sexually explicit content of a minor <u>PC 288.3</u> : Contacting a minor to commit a sex crime <u>PC 288.4</u> : Arranging to meet a minor to commit a sex crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC 799: None, if abuse occurred after 2017;</li> <li>• PC 801.1: None, if a minor at the time of abuse &amp; reported prior to age 40;</li> <li>• PC 803(f)(1): 1 year from time it was reported to police; reporting can happen at any age if a minor at the time of abuse</li> </ul>
<u>PC 289</u> : Unlawful Sexual Penetration	PC 799: None
<u>PC 287</u> : Oral copulation with a minor	PC 799: None
<u>PC 647(a)</u> : Engaging in lewd behavior in public spaces	PC 803(i): 1 year
<u>PC 647(j)</u> : Watching or recording in a private space w/o consent	PC 803(i): 1 year or 4 years after discovery of image
*PC 803(g): New DNA evidence reopens SOL for 1 year	
Other Relevant Violations	
<u>PC 266 &amp; 267</u> : Forcing a minor to have sex with others (see also PC 236 & 237)	
<u>PC 653j(a)</u> : Encouraging a minor to commit a crime	
<u>PC 237a</u> : Willfully causing or permitting a child to suffer	
<u>PC 627.10</u> : Committing a crime on school grounds	
<u>PC 627.2</u> : Entering school grounds without authorization	
<u>PC 647.6</u> : Annoying a minor	