

Enticing a Minor Defense

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In Utah, enticing a minor covers instances of electronic communication, usually texting or internet chatting, between a minor and the accused which either resulted in the accused directly trying to seduce the minor into performing a sexual act or in the accused building a relationship with the minor which the accused then leveraged to try to lure the minor into performing a sexual act.

While enticing a minor is a relatively simple law, there are still stiff penalties attached to it. Even if you're under 18 yourself, [enticing a minor is still a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a penalty of up to a year in jail or a \\$2,500 fine](#). **If you're over 18 years old, enticing a child in Utah is automatically a felony!** Which means you can end up with a permanent criminal record, a jail sentence of up to 5 years, and fines from \$5,000-\$10,000. Don't face that alone.

Wasatch Defense Lawyers offer you confidential, experienced defense of your rights. We can help prevent incarceration and a permanent record. Call us at [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965) today.

What Enticing Means

The definition of entice is "to lead on by exciting hope or desire", though we often communicate similar concepts by saying things like "tempt" or "seduce." However, Utah only considers charges of enticing a minor in cases where the Internet or text messaging (no matter the source; cellular, computer, etc.) is involved. So any form of electronic contact, if it can be proved to lead to a sexual crime against minors, can be grounds for being charged with enticement.

Enticing a Minor in Utah

While the charge of enticing a minor is serious enough, the charge is often paired with other charges based on what

exactly the minor was being enticed to do. That's why, in Utah, enticing a minor covers more than just trying to get a minor to perform sexual acts with the accused. It can also include enticing a child to perform pornographic acts or to participate in child prostitution with other individuals. Enticing a child can even be brought as a charge in instances of kidnapping.

Regardless of what the goal of the enticement was, the main criteria for making the charge remains whether the Internet or text messaging was used during the crime or attempt thereof. **However, the penalty tied to the charge scales according to what actually happened as well as according to what was conceivably intended.**

The Defense Attorneys You

It's important to remember that being charged with any crime involving a minor can quickly and significantly ruin your life, regardless of your actual guilt. No matter how much faith you may have in the criminal justice system or in your innocence, it's essential to hire an experienced Utah defense attorney as soon as possible.

After over 100 years here in Salt Lake City, we know the ins and outs of Utah's legal system and can reduce or even eliminate the charges against you. Which also means we can get you a speedy resolution so your life can go back to normal as soon as possible. You need us to protect your quality of life and have the advantage of an aggressive, experienced attorney dedicated to protecting your rights.

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