Missouri Minor Consent Laws

The laws below can be found in the Missouri Revised Statutes (indicated by § below). Interpretations of these statutes are up to the provider or health care system. This summary should not be construed as legal advice. For questions or guidance, legal advice should be obtained.

Missouri Law

- Those 13 years old and younger cannot consent to sex with anyone (§566.067).
- 14, 15 and 16 year olds cannot consent to sex with someone who is more than 4 years older (§566.071) or who is 21 and older (§566.034).
- 17 year olds can consent to sex with anyone 14 years or older (§566.034).

Guidelines for Reporting Sexual Abuse or Activity

- **Age 13 or younger**
  - ALWAYS report. This age cannot consent to sex.

- **Age 14**
  - Must make a report if partner is 18+ years old.

- **Age 15**
  - Must make a report if partner is 19+ years old.

- **Age 16**
  - Must make a report if partner is 20+ years old.

- **Age 17 or older**
  - Can consent to sex with anyone 14 years old or older.

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: **800-392-3738**

The Children’s Division Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline is a toll-free number that operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Specific Provisions
Minors can consent to certain things for themselves, including but not necessarily limited to:

**Pregnancy Related Care**
MO Statute §431.061(4)(a)
- Any minor may consent to any medical, surgical, or other treatment or procedures in case of pregnancy, excluding abortion.

**Minor Parent**
MO Statute §§431.065.1 & 431.061(2) and (3)
- Any minor parent or legal custodian is considered an adult for the purpose of entering into a contract for surgical, medical, or other treatment or procedure for themselves and their child in their legal custody.

**Sexual Assault Examination**
MO Statute §595.220(2)
- Minor consenting to forensic examination: A minor may consent to examination under section 595.220(2). Such consent is not subject to disaffirmance because of minority, and consent of parent or guardian of the minor is not required for such examination. The appropriate medical provider making the examination shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of a minor that such an examination has taken place.

- **Blood Donation Age**
  - MO Statute §431.068

- **Drug and Alcohol Treatment**
  - MO Statute §431.061(4)(c)
  - MO Statute §431.062

- **Emergency Care**
  - MO Statute §431.063
  - MO Statute §431.062

- **HIV/AIDS Care**
  - MO Statute §191.656(2)
  - MO Statute §191.659
  - MO Statute §191.689

- **Inpatient Mental Health Services**
  - MO Statute §632.110
  - MO Statute §632.155

- **Married Minor**
  - MO Statute §431.065
  - MO Statute §431.061(3)

- **Minor Living Apart**
  - MO Statute §431.056

- **STD (Venereal Disease) Care**
  - MO Statute §431.061(4)(b)
  - MO Statute §431.062