

## Belgium - Rape

Any act of sexual penetration, regardless of its nature and by whatever means, committed against a non-consenting person, represents a crime of rape. Consent is not considered to have been given, if the crime is committed by violence, coercion or deceit, or is made possible by the infirmity or physical or mental impairment of the victim.

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### Legal Source

Criminal Code, Article 375

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### Observations

The Law of 4 July 1989 amending certain provisions concerning the crime of rape has broadened the definition of rape.

Marital rape is forbidden and condemned by the law in the same way as other forms of rape: it represents an aggravating circumstance in cases of rape.