



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 274
[2005 Senate Bill 349]

**Sexual Contact with 16- or
17-Year Old**

2005 Wisconsin Act 274 creates a new crime providing that a person who is at least 21 years of age and who engages in an occupation or participates in a volunteer position that requires him or her to work or interact directly with children may not have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a child who is 16 or 17 years old, who is not the person's spouse, and with whom the person works or interacts through that occupation or volunteer position. A person committing this act is guilty of a Class H felony. A person who engages in teaching children, child care, youth counseling, youth organization, coaching children, parks or playground recreation, or school bus driving is involved in an activity constituting *prima facie* evidence that the occupation or position requires him or her to work or interact directly with children.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 20, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.