

Things to Know Before Having Sexual Relations:

How to Avoid Being Held in Bondage by the State

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Since the beginning of society, mankind has implemented laws to keep order and peace, and to improve the standard of living. As the human species has evolved, some of our laws have not. Some remain ghosts of outdated beliefs that should have been left in dust, while others are forgotten edicts, still on the books, but not enforced by any sane person. These esoteric laws are remembered now as a source of amusement, and even more so when we consider that they were once serious, enforced rules.

We will begin our journey back in time with laws that must have been enforced because someone conducted themselves in a manner in which someone in power did not approve.

In Florida it is illegal to have sexual relations with a porcupine.

I don't know who ever thought of having sex with a porcupine, but they couldn't have been a very intelligent person. Porcupines have spines that are nearly a foot long and about a quarter inch in diameter. These quills are loosely attached, and bristle up when a porcupine is in danger. The porcupine will swing its tail when it is angry, trying to hit the animal attacking it, which allows it to imbed the largest quills up to an inch into the opponent's skin¹. It would seem that the *possibility* of getting a blast of porcupine quills in the genitals would be deterrent enough (*La Blue Girl*, anyone?). Did they really need a law?

On a side note, a group practicing dolphin lovin' has started to make headlines. Dolphin—human relationships have become a new rage with those

descendants of our porcupine lovers. These dolphin fanatics explain that a relationship with a dolphin can be as deep as that with another person. Their websites give details on how to properly make-love to your dolphin companion, and how to properly cuddle with your new special friend². The dolphin-lovers also warn not to try having relations with dolphins in animal parks or aquariums because they have security guards who will *arrest* you if you attempt to enter the tanks. A man was recently arrested for attempting to kill a male dolphin that had an affair with his wife! Swim away Flipper, swim far away!

In Maryland, it is illegal to sell condoms from vending machines with one exception — prophylactics may be dispensed from a vending machine only "in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises."

This law makes half-sense. Apparently the writers believed that *only* persons in places where alcohol was sold would ever consider having sexual relations, and therefore would need a condom.

In Indiana, mustaches are illegal if the bearer has a "tendency to habitually kiss other humans."

The ultimate way to rid yourself of the awkward encounters you've been having lately with that over-friendly friend who always has food in their mustache and wants to kiss you. Knowing our luck, the friend will still not get the hint about being too friendly, so next we'll have to pass a law that says: "It is illegal for John Smith to habitually kiss other humans, except for those who have signed a consent form."

¹ Pundle, Tara. "About Porcupines..." NativeTech: Native American Technology and Art. <<http://www.nativetech.org/quill/porcupin.html>>. April 2004.

² For more information on how far these people will go, see: <http://jaronbs.com/dolphin.htm> (article) <http://www.dolphinsex.org/> (instructions)

An excerpt from Kentucky state legislation: "No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state unless she be escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club."

This law actually makes sense. Apparently Kentucky was having problems with scantily-clad women being attacked by men while walking along the highway. I just want to know, why a club? They only do 1-6 damage. Granted they are free, but why not go with a nice heavy mace and increase your damage to 1-8? Besides, getting two officers to escort you is very difficult unless you fall into one of two categories. One, you are breaking the law, and then you don't want to be found with a weapon because you'll do hard time for (insert crime) plus a deadly weapon. Two, you must be at least 6th level, have leadership, and enough skills and money to spend on a decent armed escort.

These previous laws were written by people with at least half a brain for people with almost half a brain. The next set of laws seem to have been made by women, for women, giving us the power to enforce "the rules" that every married man should know (unless they want to habitually sleep on the couch).

The T'ang Dynasty Empress Wu Hu passed a special law concerning oral sex. She felt that a woman pleasuring a man represented the supremacy of the male over the female. Therefore, she insisted all visiting male dignitaries show their respect by pleasuring her orally when meeting. The empress would throw open her robe and her guest would kneel before her and kiss her genitals.

It's good to be the Empress. Hopefully she required all the visiting male dignitaries to bathe and brush their teeth before they held their audience.

This must have been the largest loop hole for men cheating on their wives. The men could come home smelling like another woman's perfume and say, "I was just visiting the Empress, and you can't say no to the Empress, dear." A wife can't argue with that logic, unless she doesn't mind being beheaded for speaking ill of the Empress.

In the quiet town of Connorsville, Wisconsin, it is illegal for a man to shoot off a gun when his female partner has an orgasm.

No man is allowed to make love to his wife with the smell of garlic, onions, or sardines on his breath in Alexandria, Minnesota. If his wife so requests, law mandates that he must brush his teeth.

Warn your hubby that after lovemaking in Ames, Iowa, he isn't allowed to take more than three gulps of beer while lying in bed with you—or holding you in his arms.

The above three laws are a god-send to women who have been trying, since the beginning of humanity, to force good manners on our barbaric men. Now all we need is a law that makes cuddling after sex mandatory for at least 10 minutes, and the guy must at least act like he enjoys it or he will be fined and hung from his toes.

Another set of esoteric sex laws include those written by stuffy politicians who want to make society conform to the boring norm. I imagine that these law makers have very unhappy and unsatisfied spouses. Also included are very odd laws that seem impossible to enforce on the basis of being completely illogical or completely uncontrollable. Can anyone say invasion of privacy?

As recently as 1990, these states had laws against the use of dildos: Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the city of Washington D.C.

The original banning of dildos must have occurred after a politician's wife was found having more fun with her toy than she had ever had with her husband. What a huge blow to his ego! I wonder if, after they were banned, she divorced him for being so insecure. Apparently, the southeast and New England areas were once home to many sticks in the mud.

An Illinois state law prohibits a number of things—one of which is a public erection, another is nude dancing. The prohibition against the public erection has never been challenged in the Supreme Court, but the prohibition against nude dancing has.

I know many men who would look at this law, their jaw would drop, and they would ask, “How are you supposed to stop an erection, especially when the nude dancer is dancing?” This is cruelest to teenage boys, who tend to pop the woody multiple times during the day. Isn’t having to walk up to the chalkboard and answering a problem, hoping no one will notice your unexpected friend, punishment enough? Imagine getting arrested for it too!

In Oxford, Ohio, it's illegal for a woman to strip off her clothing while standing in front of a man's picture.

What?! She can strip in front of a man, but not the picture of man...how does that make sense? This must date back to the Salem Witch trials, when lawmakers thought that if the woman stripped in front of the picture of a man it might bewitch him. Now that I think about it, I think that’s how I ended up engaged.....

The only acceptable sexual position in Washington, D.C. is the missionary position. Any other sexual position is considered illegal.

How un-fun is that? Yes, it is the most comfortable position for having sex when you’re pregnant, but for non-expecting couples, we need a little spice in our lives, right? I would think that if mandatory sexual position was implemented, I would have guessed doggy-style since it seems to be the stereotypical male favorite.

The early Christian church forbade couples from having sex on Wednesdays, Fridays and of course, Sundays.

Apparently the Christian church had not yet started its “have as many children as possible” campaign. I guess that with this schedule couples could have sex one day and pray for forgiveness all the next day. Wash. Rinse. Repeat.

In the state of Washington there is a law against having sex with a virgin under any circumstances (including the wedding night).

How is this supposed to work? Either people jumped the border a lot in Washington, this law was never enforced, or there are a lot of native Washington virgins. I have a feeling that someone was a very overprotective parent.

Finally my favorite:

It is illegal for any member of the Nevada legislature to conduct official business wearing a penis costume while the legislature is in session.

I would love to see pictures of this meeting. Was it Halloween or was he just having a good time? I mean a penis with a gavel, how cute is that?

Human beings have made some strange laws since the beginning of written history. We have been conditioned to feel ashamed of the most fundamental instinct we have as animals—sex. People have created lists of sexual acts that are taboo and not discussed. These feelings are quickly changing, and the younger generations are proudly singing Bloodhound Gang’s “The Bad Touch,” while experimenting to find what makes us feel good (while most of us still put safety first).

We need to shed these puritanical cocoons and embrace the full enjoyment of life. It amazes me how our society shows graphic violence on the television every night, but how Janet Jackson’s breast created such uproar. We should revel in the beauty of the body, and come to a deeper understanding of ourselves instead of hiding it away like a condemning skeleton in our closet³.

³ The various laws were found on <<http://www.dribbleglass.com/subpages/strange/sexlaws.htm>> and then located on various web pages for confirmation.

