

Parental Rights Arizona

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Question	Answer
Does the state allow for termination or limitation of parental rights when a child is born from rape?	Yes
Does the state require a conviction for the sexual offense to terminate or limit the rapist's parental rights?	Yes
May the state terminate or limit parental rights when there was a sexual assault that led to the birth of the child, but no conviction?	No
What parental rights can be terminated or limited?	All rights over child.
Are there any exceptions to the termination or limitation of a rapist's parental rights?	N/A
What other rights may be impacted by terminating a rapist's parental rights?	N/A
What is the procedure for termination or limitation of parental rights in these circumstances?	Victim, or any person or agency that has a legitimate interest in the welfare of a child, must petition the court.
What proof do you have to show to terminate or limit the rapist parent's parental rights?	Must show that the parent has been convicted of sexual assault and the sexual assault led to the birth of a child.
Are there any time limits for when a petition must be filed to terminate or limit the rapist parent's rights?	N/A
Does the law apply to both adult victims and underage victims?	Yes
Does the law have any exceptions for married or co-habiting victims?	No
Can a court require the rapist parent to pay child support after parental rights have been terminated?	No
Statutory Citations	See, A.R.S. § 25-416 Sexual assault conviction; effect on rights'; AZ ST § 8-533. Petition; who may file; grounds.; A.R.S. § 25-501(f) Duties of support; exemption