

**PAEDOPHILIA AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY: NOTES ON PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
AND LEGAL NORMS**
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Summary

Offences against minors operated by paedophiles have been faced more and more frequently in the field of the forensic psychology.

Experts and consultants, in order to carry out their appraisals professionally, need to possess a deep knowledge of the psychopathologic frame behind the paedophilia disorder and of the legislative rules more often applied for this kind of offences.

The article aims to illustrate paedophilia phenomenology showing some of the main clinical models investigating such disorder. The first part describes the behavioural patterns and the aetiology involved in the genesis of this dysfunctional behaviour.

The second part examines some of the laws applied in criminal trials against offences related to paedophilia.

Words-key: Paedophilia, Chargeability.