



SECTION 424

OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE

What is it and how does it affect me?

What is it?

Section 424 of the Criminal Procedure code (“CPC424”) is a law requiring individuals to report to the police if they are aware of criminal activity.



How does it affect you?

A research team may encounter information on participants who have been involved in a crime. **Should you report it?**

1

Study on people’s perceptions on the penalties for sexual abuse (*reportable under CPC424*)

2

A participant turns out to be a victim or perpetrator (*from survey responses*)

3

Study team may be required to report the crime to the police

4

If reported, it may result in legal, reputational, or psychological harm to the participants



Should you report it?

Factors to consider:

- Is there enough information to file a police report
- Is the offence within the scope of CPC424
- The participant’s wishes



Study teams are strongly encouraged to reach out to NTU-IRB **BEFORE** making a police report, unless the situation demands a report to be filed immediately (*e.g. serious crimes which pose an imminent threat*).

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