

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Sex Offenses: Equating Statutes to NIBRS Offense Codes

The FBI has only six (6) NIBRS offense codes for Sex Offenses ~

Four are considered "forcible":

Rape (11A)

Sodomy (11B)

Sexual Assault with an Object (11C)

Fondling (11D)

Two are considered "non-forcible": Incest (36A)

Statutory Rape (36B)

To equate Washington State statutes to the NIBRS offense codes, there must be enough details in the incident to determine:

- 1) if the offense meets the FBI definition of forcible versus non-forcible;
- 2) if the elements of the crime included sexual intercourse versus sexual contact;
- 3) if the ages of the victim and offender, their genders, or their familial relationships affect the offense classification.

A quick reference guide has been developed to assist you with offense classification of RCW-based sex offenses. Look for the "NIBRS Sex Offense Coding Grid" under the Quick Reference Guides on this webpage: <http://www.waspc.org/training-manuals-reference>

