

7 - Preliminary & Complicity Articles

★ Liability of Children – RCW 9A.04.050

1. A child under the age of 8 is incapable of committing a crime (conclusive presumption).
2. A child at least age 8, but under 12, is presumed incapable of committing a crime (rebuttable presumption).

GUIDED DISCUSSION:

- Who in this class has kids?
- What are their ages?
- Do they understand right from wrong?
- Can you see a difference between the younger ones and older ones in understanding right and wrong?
- What key ingredient (basic premise) of criminal law would be missing when a child commits an act that would normally be a crime?
 - Mental State