



## ABHIDHVAJ LAW JOURNAL

[ [www.abhidhvajlawjournal.com](http://www.abhidhvajlawjournal.com) ]

**The goal of Abhidhvaj Law Journal is to offer an open-access platform where anyone involved in the legal profession can contribute their research on any legal topic and aid in building a quality platform that anyone can use to advance their legal knowledge and experience.**

**Editor In chief – Assistant Professor Mr. Janmejy Singh**

**Publisher & Founder – Vaibhav Sangam Mishra**

**Frequency – Quarterly ( 4 Issue Per year )**

**ISSN : 2583-6323 (Online)**

**Copyright © 2023 - 24**

---

**THE STRANGEST LAWS IN THE WHOLE WORLD**

---

**AUTHOR'S NAME – Avirup Mondal, LL.B, First Year.**

**INSTITUTION NAME – MIES R.M. Law College Sonarpur, Kolkata, West Bengal.**

**ABSTRACT :**

Many countries of the world have a variety of unique and unusual regulations, some of which seem downright bizarre. These rules, which can prohibit particular haircuts or restrict the ownership of specific animals, frequently reflect the particular historical and cultural circumstances in which they were enacted. In Samoa, it is against the law to forget your wife's birthday, and Switzerland restricts residents of apartment buildings from flushing the toilet after 10 p.m., just a few instances of weird laws from around the world. While many of these regulations might appear strange or even humorous, local authorities frequently take them seriously and individuals who break them may face harsh repercussions.

**INTRODUCTION :**

From traffic rules to criminal codes, there are innumerable laws in every country that control how we conduct our daily lives. Some of these rules, however, are so bizarre and outlandish that they leave people scratching their heads in perplexity. There are numerous strange regulations that have been implemented over the years, ranging from bans on particular clothing items to limitations on how you can greet someone. Several of these laws have an intriguing historical or cultural context that explains their existence, even though some may seem ludicrous or humorous. Furthermore, certain laws that date back centuries may not be applicable or make sense in the present day, yet they are still in effect and on the books. There are innumerable instances of outlandish legislation everywhere, from the United States to Europe, China to Australia, and everywhere in between. It's intriguing to investigate the variety of laws and customs that exist in many nations around the world in today's age of globalization. Strange laws can reveal a lot about the customs and values of other communities, whether they are a rule that has been passed down through the years or a newly enacted legislation. In this article, we'll look at some of the most bizarre laws from throughout the globe that still baffle and entertain people today.

**Strangest Law in the USA :**

Although the United States is renowned for having a diversified legal system and culture, it also has some of the most bizarre laws in the entire globe. For instance, did you know that carrying an ice cream cone in your back pocket is prohibited in Alabama? Or that it's against the law for donkeys to rest in bathtubs in Arizona? Although these rules may seem absurd, they were probably developed to address particular problems or cultural norms. Californians consider frogs somewhat sacrosanct since consuming a frog that passes away during a frog-jumping competition is forbidden. Keep your elephants away from Florida parking meters since you can be required to pay the same amount as if the elephant were a vehicle if you do. Moreover, cotton fields in North Carolina cannot be plowed by elephants. Unless you have more than six ducklings to sell all at once, it is against the law to color your ducklings blue and put them up for sale in Kentucky. If you have a Minnesota duck on top of your head, it must stay between states. Driving with an uncaged bear is prohibited in Missouri, and you cannot drive a camel on a public highway in Nevada. Other bizarre regulations exist all around the country, particularly those pertaining to food and mustaches. Alabama forbids wearing a fake mustache that makes people giggle in church, while Indiana forbids mustaches if the wearer has a propensity to frequently kiss people. It is forbidden to offer butter replacements in prison in Wisconsin, to refrain from drinking milk in Utah, and to spend the night in a cheese factory in South Dakota<sup>1</sup>. In Louisiana, extending a helping hand could have unintended consequences because doing so could result in a \$500 punishment. In Massachusetts, taking a selfie with a shark is unlawful, which is another odd US legislation. This law was enacted in response to a rising practice of people taking risky shark selfies, which can endanger both the life. While the rule may appear absurd, it plays a significant role in safeguarding while the rule may appear absurd, it plays a significant role in safeguarding both people and wildlife.<sup>2</sup>

### **Strangest Laws in Europe :**

In spite of possessing some of the oldest and most complicated legal systems in the world, Europe also has some of the most bizarre laws. It is funny but some of them also have some meaning behind them also.

---

<sup>1</sup> Olivet Nazarene University\ <https://online.olivet.edu/news/united-states-crazy-laws#:~:text=In%20Alaska%20it%20is%20illegal,under%20the%20influence%20in%20Colorado,> Last Visited 31\03\2023

<sup>2</sup> ONLINE OLIVET, [https://online.olivet.edu/news/united-states-crazy-laws#:~:text=In%20Alaska%20it%20is%20illegal,under%20the%20influence%20in%20Colorado,](https://online.olivet.edu/news/united-states-crazy-laws#:~:text=In%20Alaska%20it%20is%20illegal,under%20the%20influence%20in%20Colorado) (last visited Mar 21, 2023)

*Some Strangest Laws of France :*

It is forbidden to name a pig Napoleon in France. This regulation was implemented in order to preserve the dignity and honor of the French emperor, who is still widely respected throughout the nation. Flying saucers are forbidden in Chateaufort-du-Pape, according to the anti-UFO statute. Another strange French law is, Kissing while the train is on the platform is prohibited. The French train company grew impatient with the delays brought on by couples kissing on platforms in 1910. Hence, the strange French legislation that forbids making out after the train arrives at the station was formed. Live snails cannot be transported on a French high-speed train unless they have a ticket<sup>3</sup>. Domestic animals weighing less than five kilograms must travel on French trains as paying customers<sup>4</sup>. In an effort to encourage youngsters to eat right, it is banned to provide excessive amounts of self-serve ketchup, mayonnaise, and vinaigrette salad sauce in school lunches. Any type of paper can be used to write a check, including toilet paper, except if your bank manager can't really take that.

*Some Strangest Laws in England :*

Being drunk on authorized property is forbidden. There's undoubtedly a connection between the UK's well-known reputation as a rainy country and its abundance of bars and the fact that being intoxicated in a pub is against the law there. Indeed, it's true—a UK law states that anyone caught intoxicated in a licensed establishment will be subject to a fine, which is presently set at £200. Carrying a board along a sidewalk is prohibited by Section 54 of the Metropolitan Police Act of 1839, as are kite flying, obnoxious game playing, and sliding in the street on snow or ice.

*Some Strange Laws in Switzerland :*

It is prohibited to keep just one guinea pig. Yes, you read it right. You might want to get your cherished fluffy pet a companion when you plan on bringing them to Switzerland. This law may seem funny but it has a very good motive. In order to guarantee that all "social animals" (such as guinea pigs, goldfish, and budgerigars) are in the company of others of their own type<sup>5</sup>. As sociable species, they are deemed to have been abused if they are unable to routinely

---

<sup>3</sup> European not dead\ <https://europeisnotdead.com/european-strange-laws/> Last Visited 31\03\2023

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> The culture trip\ <https://theculturetrip.com/europe/switzerland/articles/13-weird-swiss-laws-you-should-know-about/> Last Visited 31\03\2023

contact members of their own species. Recycling is restricted every Sunday. According to Swiss law, it really shouldn't actually occur on the day designated for relaxation by law. Each residence in Switzerland must either have or have access to a nuclear shelter, and possessing access to one is necessary.<sup>6</sup>

*Some Strange Laws in Spain :*

It is against the legislation to call your child Mandarina because it is the name of a fruit, which is clearly inappropriate for a person. It is prohibited to carry too many dogs - If you have eight or more dogs on your premises, you are in violation of the law and could face punishment if the authorities find you<sup>7</sup>. In Madrid, it is prohibited to walk too many dogs - If you have eight or more dogs on your property, you are breaking the law and could face punishment if the authorities find you. In Seville, it is not acceptable to place "inappropriate" objects from your laundry lines. The maximum fine for such an offense is €3,000. It is illegal to drive in sandals or flip-flops. If you're hiring a car for driving or driving your own, be aware that driving with sandals or flip-flops is not approved everywhere in the nation. Avoid putting on "inadequate" footwear. To be safe, always wear shoes when operating a vehicle. Think twice about going exposed in the city core. Another funny law while traveling Palma de Mallorca, you should avoid walking around the city center shirtless because doing so could result in an expensive \$800 penalty. Yet, when you are spending time at the beach, this restriction does not apply.<sup>8</sup>

*Some Strange Laws in Germany :*

This law might seem crazy but the Federal Supreme Court of Germany has ordered that playing music or an instrument in rental apartments is only permitted between 8:00-12:00 and 14:00-20:00<sup>9</sup>. Composing the piano after midnight is banned. Alcohol is permitted for teens. Yes, that's correct if you love alcohol you might like to move to Germany. Germany makes it lawful for 16-year-olds to buy alcoholic beverages with less than 1.2% extracted alcohol, following Belgium and Denmark in doing so<sup>10</sup>. Without a parent or legal guardian present, they are

---

<sup>6</sup> EUROPEISNOTDEAD, <https://europeisnotdead.com/european-strange-laws/>, (Last visited Mar 22, 2023)

<sup>7</sup> Ibid

<sup>8</sup> Pradamini Kumari, 7 Weird Laws You Must Know About If You Are Travelling In Spain, SCOOPWHOOOP, (Mar 22, 2023), <https://www.scoopwhoop.com/culture/7-weird-laws-you-must-know-about-if-you-are-travelling-in-spain/>

<sup>9</sup> EUROPEISNOTDEAD, supra note 6, at 4.

<sup>10</sup> Kyle Kroeger, 15 Interesting, Weird Law in Germany, VIATRAVELERS, (Mar 22, 2023), <https://viatrans.com/weird-laws-in-germany/>

permitted to enjoy beer or wine. Spirits, which are alcoholic beverages that contain more than 1.2% alcohol, can be bought and consumed by those who are 18 years old independently. Beer and wine can be enjoyed by anyone above the age of 14 also, as long as a parent is present.<sup>11</sup>

#### *Some other Strange Laws across Europe :*

The in-laws will be considered a part of your family in the Netherlands even after a divorce has been finalized. Another crazy law in the Netherlands is to lock a burglar in your toilet, How much weird it is still the law. Assume that while you're at home, a thief enters your home. You catch them in the washroom and thought it is a success. But no by imprisoning the thief and denying them the right to take your property, you are simultaneously violating the law by robbing them of their freedom. In Portugal, it is restricted to peeing in the ocean. It seems reasonable though for keeping the beach clean. In Norway, the law prohibits the "unauthorized wearing of a uniform" that is likely to "weaken faith in governmental authority," which includes dressing up as a police officer for Halloween. Another interesting law in Norway, it is against the law to read your boyfriend or girlfriend's text messages; doing so is a "violation of the right to private communication" which can lead to a sentence of two years in prison. An interesting and funny law in Italy is, your private parts cannot be touched in public<sup>12</sup>. Males who touch their private parts in public, even for a momentary scratch, are breaking the law. In Slovakia, it is banned to make noise after 10 p.m. In Malta, running "savagely" is prohibited.<sup>13</sup>

#### **Strangest Laws in Asia :**

With a wide variety of cultures and legal structures, Asia is a large and diverse continent. It also has some of the most peculiar laws in the entire globe.

You might take a look at these laws before you plan to travel to Singapore. Singapore prohibits roaming in the home while undressed. You should exercise caution if you enjoy appreciating your body by flaunting around in the privacy of your own house or hotel. In Singapore, as in other nations, pornography is banned. But there is one part of the law in this nation that might cost you \$2,000 or three months in jail. A violation of Public Order and Nuisance Act Section

---

<sup>11</sup> Kyle Kroeger, *15 Interesting, Weird Law in Germany*, VIATRAVELERS, (Mar 22, 2023), <https://viatrans.com/weird-laws-in-germany/>

<sup>12</sup> EUROPEISNOTDEAD, *supra* note 6, at 5.

<sup>13</sup> EUROPEISNOTDEAD, <https://europeisnotdead.com/european-strange-laws/>, (Last visited Mar 22, 2023)

27A includes showing nakedness in a public place while it is not permitted<sup>14</sup>. Keep your windows drawn since doing this in Singapore, even if you are alone, is deemed erotica.<sup>15</sup> Smoking is mostly forbidden indoors and in some outdoor areas in Singapore; Smokers who are caught in restricted sites are liable to \$200 penalties, which can escalate to \$1,000 if the matter is brought to court. It is also banned in Singapore to import and export chewing gum. Make sure don't take chewing gum with you while going to Singapore otherwise you may end up paying a two thousand dollars fine. Another crazy law in Singapore is eating or drinking on public transport is illegal, it may cost a \$500 fine.<sup>16</sup>

In India, oral sex is punishable under section 377 of the Indian Penal Code & it can even lead to prison. Against marital rape, there is no decent law in India. Attempting suicide is illegal in India. Any person who attempts an unsuccessful suicide is punishable under section 309 of the Indian Penal Code by imprisonment or fine or both. Anything found on the road of India if the value is worth more than Rs. 10, is needed to report to the appropriate authorities otherwise you might face charges. Another crazy law in India is India has no fixed drinking age for some states it can be 21, or for some, it might be 25.<sup>17</sup>

In China, it is mandatory to visit your parents or otherwise legal action can be taken against you, or you might get arrested. This 2013 regulation may sound strange, but it serves a number of objectives, one of which is to reduce senior citizens' isolation. Chinese culture places a strong emphasis on families, and the law only emphasizes this custom. It is tough to put the law into effect because it does not specify a particular number of trips every year. For this reason, reports are often resolved amicably. It is against the law to willfully have sex with the wife of another man under this peculiar rule. This means that it is OK for a man to accidentally have sex with another person's wife. Given that it might be argued that they were unaware that the woman

ABHIDHVAJ LAW JOURNAL

<sup>14</sup> MJ Toledo, *11 Ridiculous Laws Across Asia You Won't Believe are Real*, BREAKING ASIA, ( Mar 22, 2023), <https://www.breakingasia.com/japan/11-ridiculous-laws-across-asia-you-wont-believe-are-real/>

<sup>15</sup> MJ Toledo, *11 Ridiculous Laws Across Asia You Won't Believe are Real*, BREAKING ASIA, ( Mar 22, 2023), <https://www.breakingasia.com/japan/11-ridiculous-laws-across-asia-you-wont-believe-are-real/>

<sup>16</sup> Jenifer Finnerty, *12 Unique Laws in Singapore You Should Know Before You Visit*, SILVER DOOR APARTMENTS, (Mar 22, 2023), <https://www.silverdoorapartments.com/blog/12-unique-laws-in-singapore-you-should-know-before-you-visit-/>

<sup>17</sup> ECONOMIC TIMES, <https://m.economictimes.com/news/web-stories/weird-and-funny-laws-in-india-that-you-didnt-know/slideshow/95275621.cms>, ( Last visited Mar 22, 2023)

was married, this defeats the intent of the statute. In some places in China, It is not permitted to date a co-worker.<sup>18</sup>

In Indonesia, musturbation is banned. In many regions of the world, masturbation is forbidden. But in Indonesia, someone caught masturbating can get a maximum sentence of 32 months in prison or about 3 years.

In Japan, it is forbidden to open a letter sent to someone else. If someone does this he/she can be charged with imprisonment or fine or both. Another weird but strict law is putting un appropriate things such as chocolates or ice cream in a mailbox. It may seem not that much of a serious thing but this prank costs someone imprisonment for five years or a fine or both.

In the Philippines, if the election results in a tie, tossing a coin or drawing lots would decide the winner. Another wired law in the Philippines was to marry again a widow has to wait for 301 days after her husband's death. Legal action can be taken against you in the Philippines if you annoy someone.

In North Korea, if a person commits any crime & faces punishment three generations of his family will have to bear the same punishment. It is an extremely crazy law.

### **Strangest Laws in Africa :**

With a wide variety of cultures and legal structures, Africa is a large and diverse continent. It also has some of the most peculiar laws in the entire globe. For instance, it is forbidden to gesture offensively against the national flag of Zimbabwe. In addition to preventing public turmoil and unrest, this law was intended to safeguard the nation's respect and dignity. Driving a filthy car is against the law in South Africa, which is another odd African legislation. In particular, in heavily populated metropolitan areas, this regulation was developed to encourage proper hygiene and stop the spread of disease. If violators don't keep their automobiles clean, they risk fines and even jail time.

### **Strangest Laws in South America :**

A continent with a rich history and culture, South America is diverse and vibrant. It also has some of the most peculiar laws in the entire globe. For instance, it is forbidden to wear a thong

---

<sup>18</sup> DISCOVER WALKS, <https://www.discoverwalks.com/blog/china/10-strange-laws-you-should-be-aware-of-in-china/>, (Last visited Mar 22, 2023)



bikini in public in Brazil. In particular in conservative areas, the purpose of this rule was to prevent public decency and uphold social order. Without a license, it is against the law to sell helium-filled balloons in Argentina. This rule was established to stop unlicensed balloon sales, which can be a risky pastime in crowded urban settings, from causing accidents and injuries.

### **Strangest Laws in Australia :**

Australia is a large, culturally diverse nation with a distinctive legal system built on a foundation of common law and laws. It also has some of the most peculiar laws in the entire globe. For instance, Victoria forbids the wearing of hot pink pants on Sundays after noon. This rule was established to uphold social order and avoid public disturbances, particularly in conservative communities. Some other weird laws in Australia are in Western Australia, it is illegal to have 50 kg of potatoes on your person. In Queensland, hay bales must be kept in the trunk of taxi cabs. The horses of bar patrons must be stabled, fed, and watered. To swim at Brighton Beach, you must wear a swimsuit that extends past your knees (Melbourne).<sup>19</sup>

### **CONCLUSION :**

The world is full of bizarre and odd regulations that represent the distinctive cultures and traditions of various societies, from noisy shoes to banned chewing gum. Even though some of these rules might seem strange or even silly, they play a crucial role in upholding social order and ensuring public safety. It's crucial to respect local customs and traditions and to be aware of these rules whether you're visiting another country or staying close to home.

ABHIDHVAJ LAW JOURNAL

---

<sup>19</sup> Katie Tobias, *19 Weird Australian Laws*, STAY AT BASE, (Mar 22, 2023), <https://www.stayatbase.com/australia/weird-australian-laws/>