

# Is Child Marriage Child Labor?

The ILO does not count child marriage as child labor, even though child marriage meets all of the definitions.

	Child Labor	Child Marriage
<b>CHILD LABOR:</b>		
Is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children	✓	✓
Interferes with children's schooling	✓	✓
<b>THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR:</b>		
Include slavery or practices similar to slavery, such as the sale and trafficking of children	✓	✓*
<b>HAZARDOUS WORK:</b>		
Exposes children to physical abuse	✓	✓
Exposes children to psychological abuse	✓	✓
Exposes children to sexual abuse	✓	✓
Forces children to work long hours	✓	✓
Forces children to work night shifts	✓	✓
Unreasonably confines children to the premises of the employer	✓	✓
Could result in a child's death	✓	✓**
Could result in a child's injury, illness or permanent disability	✓	✓***
Should not be done under the age of 18	✓	✓****

\* Girls are sold to men as property to be used for sex and domestic labor

\*\* Death from complications in pregnancy and childbirth

\*\*\* HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, obstetric fistula, depression

\*\*\*\* Every year, 14.2 million girls are married before they turn 18. One in seven girls is married before she turns 15.