

***Knas* (Fine)**

Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Naarah Betulah*, Chapters 1–2

This *knas* applies to a seducer.



To fine i.e. give *knas* for the seducer¹,

The rapist should marry her²,

The rapist should not divorce her³.

When a man seduces a virgin (between ages of 3 to 12½) he is fined 50 *se'la* of pure silver – This is called the *knas* (fine).

Same law applies if he rapes her (*anas*).

Reminder:

Age Definitions. Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Ishut*, Chapter 2
Pack on Fines



ADDITIONAL FINES ON TOP OF THE KNAS.

These additional payments are evaluated by the court according to everyone's circumstances.

Seducer – 3 payments.

Rapist – 4 payments.

Seducer penalties

- *Knas*
- Compensation for embarrassment
- Compensation for damages

Rapist penalties

- *Knas*
- Compensation for embarrassment
- Compensation for pain
- Compensation for damages

Reminder:

Key Facts of *Sefer Nezikin*
Injury to People and Property by People.
Ref: *Sefer Nezikin, Hilchot Chovel Umazik*, Chapter 1 and 6.



There are 10 types of girls for whom a fine (*knas*) does not need to be paid. (See listed in *Perek ב'*)

In general

- Whenever a *knas* must be paid, then embarrassment and damages also must be paid (and if rape, then pain also must be paid).
- Whenever a *knas* does *not* need to be paid, then embarrassment and damages do *not* need

to be paid, but there are exceptions.


PRINCIPLE

A person is never required to pay a *knas* based on his own admission. He can only be made liable by witnesses.

However, based on his admission, he would be liable for embarrassment, damages, and pain (if applicable).

If he denies his act this could result in two outcomes

- If he denies completely, he would have to take a *Rabbinic oath*. (*Shvuat hesset*)
- If he denies partially (*modeh bemiktzat*) he would have to take a Scripture oath.

 **Reminder:**
Pack on Oaths

