

**11.29**  
**Definition Of Endangering Life Or Health Of A Child**

A person commits the offense of endangering the life or health of a child when he has the care or custody of a child and wilfully causes or permits [ (the life of that child to be endangered) (the health of that child to be injured) (that child to be placed in such a situation that the child's life or health may be endangered) ].

**Committee Note**

720 ILCS 150/4 (West, 1999) (formerly Ill.Rev.Stat. ch. 23, §2354 (1991)).

Give Instruction 11.30.

*See People v. Vandiver*, 51 Ill.2d 525, 283 N.E.2d 681 (1971), wherein the supreme court held that, for purposes of this section, the word “child” refers to children under 14 years of age, and the word “health” includes, *inter alia*, “freedom from physical injury.”

*See People v. Marquis*, 54 Ill.App.3d 209, 369 N.E.2d 372, 11 Ill.Dec. 918 (4th Dist.1977), concerning the required mental state of wilfulness; see also Chapter 720, Section 4-5.

Use applicable bracketed material.

