



## CONNECTICUT PENAL CODE—UPDATED AND REVISED

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### PENAL CODE

- [Title 53a](#) of the General Statutes
- Penal Code crimes cover many categories including homicide, assault, sexual assault, robbery, burglary, and larceny
- Statutes with criminal penalties are found in every title of the statutes, not just the Penal Code

### QUESTION

This report lists all crimes in the Connecticut Penal Code ([Title 53a](#) of the General Statutes) and their penalties. It updates OLR Report [2012-R-0134](#).

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### SUMMARY

This report lists all of the crimes contained in the Penal Code. It updates previous reports to reflect changes from the 2012 and 2013 sessions.

Statutes with criminal penalties that are codified outside the Penal Code are not included.

Criminal offenses in Connecticut are classified as felonies, which are punishable by imprisonment for over one year, and misdemeanors, which are punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year. In turn, felonies are classified according to severity as class A, class B, class C, class D, and class E. Misdemeanors are classified as class A, class B, class C, and class D. There are unclassified felonies and misdemeanors which are punishable by imprisonment but not designated under one of the classes listed above (under PA [12-80](#) and PA [13-258](#), some unclassified crimes may be deemed classified if they have the same maximum prison term as one of the classes specified above).

Terms of imprisonment in Connecticut must be for specific periods of time. Judges set the specific penalty for each offender from a range of sentences and fines set out in the statutes. A judge may impose a fine, a term of imprisonment, or both.

This report focuses on prison sentences and does not include fines that apply to the crimes in the Penal Code, sex offender registry requirements, and other consequences of a conviction. We also exclude statutes that are punishable as infractions or by a fine only.

Table 1 displays all of the crimes in the Penal Code arranged by classification. It displays the authorized prison sentence for each and any mandatory minimum sentence that applies.

In addition to the crimes contained in Table 1, the Penal Code also includes enhanced penalties for persistent offenders, acts of terrorism, and certain other types of offenders. These provisions are described below in Table 2.

## **PENAL CODE OFFENSES**

Table 1 displays all of the crimes in the Penal Code arranged by classification. It displays the authorized prison sentences for each and any mandatory minimum sentence that applies.

In addition to the crimes listed in the table, the Penal Code punishes (1) attempting or conspiring to commit any of them or (2) acting as an accomplice to one of them.

Attempt or conspiracy is a crime “of the same grade and degree as the most serious offense which is attempted or is an object of the conspiracy, except that an attempt or conspiracy to commit a class A felony is a class B felony” (CGS § [53a-51](#)). If someone is convicted of attempt or conspiracy to commit a crime other than a class A felony that carries a mandatory minimum sentence, the offender is subject to that mandatory minimum sentence (see *State v. Moran*, 264 Conn. 593 (2003)).

Someone is an accomplice or criminally liable for the acts of another if he or she acts with the mental state required to commit a crime and solicits, requests, commands, or intentionally aids another to engage in criminal conduct. These offenders can be punished as if they were the principal

offenders (CGS § [53a-8](#)). It also appears that someone who is an accomplice to a crime that is punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence would be subject to that mandatory minimum.

**Table 1: Penal Code Crimes Arranged By Class, With Authorized Prison Sentences and Mandatory Minimum Sentences**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
<b>Capital A felony—Murder with special circumstances (life without possibility of release)</b>	Murder with special circumstances ( <a href="#">53a-54b</a> )	Life without possibility of release
<b>Class A Felonies—Murder (25 to 60 years)</b>	Murder ( <a href="#">53a-54a</a> )	25 years
	Felony murder ( <a href="#">53a-54c</a> )	25 years
<b>Class A Felony—Aggravated sexual assault of a minor (25 to 50 years)</b>	Aggravated sexual assault of a minor ( <a href="#">53a-70c</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> offense: 25 years</li> <li>Subsequent offense: 50 years</li> </ul>
<b>Class A Felonies (10 to 25 years)</b>	Assault of pregnant woman resulting in termination of pregnancy ( <a href="#">53a-59c</a> )	10 years*
	Sexual assault 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (when force is used or threatened and victim under 16 or victim under 13 and actor more than two years older) ( <a href="#">53a-70</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five years</li> <li>10 years if victim under 10</li> <li>In all cases, 10-year mandatory minimum period of combined imprisonment and special parole</li> </ul>
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (victim under 16) ( <a href="#">53a-70</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five years</li> <li>20 years if use force or threaten force</li> <li>In all cases, five year period of special parole</li> </ul>
	Kidnapping 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ( <a href="#">53a-92</a> )	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1 <sup>st</sup> degree with a firearm ( <a href="#">53a-92a, as amended by PA 13-28</a> )	10 years*
	Home invasion ( <a href="#">53a-100aa</a> )	10 years
	Arson 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ( <a href="#">53a-111</a> )	No mandatory minimum (pursuant to <i>State v. O'Neill</i> , 200 Conn. 268 (1986))
	Employing a minor in an obscene performance ( <a href="#">53a-196a</a> )	10 years
<b>Class B Felony—Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> degree with a firearm (five to 40 years)</b>	Manslaughter 1 <sup>st</sup> degree with a firearm ( <a href="#">53a-55a</a> )	Five years
<b>Class B Felonies (one to 20 years)</b>	Manslaughter 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ( <a href="#">53a-55</a> )	
	Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ( <a href="#">53a-59</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five years when committed with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument</li> <li>10 years if victim is under age 10 or a witness</li> </ul>
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 1 <sup>st</sup> degree ( <a href="#">53a-59a</a> )	Five years

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Assault of Department of Correction employee 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-59b)</a>	
	Sexual assault 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (also an A felony under certain circumstances, see above) <a href="#">(53a-70)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two years</li> <li>• 10 years if victim under age 10</li> <li>• In all cases, 10-year mandatory minimum period of combined imprisonment and special parole</li> </ul>
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (victim over age 16) <a href="#">(53a-70a)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five years</li> <li>• Five years of special parole</li> </ul>
	Sexual assault in spousal or cohabitation relationship <a href="#">(53a-70b)</a>	
	Sexual assault 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree (victim under 16) <a href="#">(53a-71)</a>	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree with a firearm (victim under 16) <a href="#">(53a-72b)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two years</li> <li>• Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years</li> </ul>
	Promoting prostitution 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-86)</a>	Nine months if the prostitute is under age 18
	Enticing a minor (victim under age 13 or 3 <sup>rd</sup> or subsequent offense with victim 13 or older) <a href="#">(53a-90a)</a>	When minor under age 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> offense: five years</li> <li>• Subsequent offense: 10 years</li> </ul>
	Kidnapping 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-94)</a>	Three years
	Kidnapping 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-94a)</a>	Three years
	Burglary 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-101)</a>	Five years when committed with explosive, deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument
	Arson 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-112)</a>	
	Larceny 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-122)</a>	
	Identity theft 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-129b)</a>	
	Robbery 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-134)</a>	Five years when committed with a deadly weapon
	Possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument in a correctional institution <a href="#">(53a-174a)</a>	
	Rioting at correctional institution <a href="#">(53a-179b)</a>	
	Trafficking in persons <a href="#">(53a-192a)</a>	
	Promoting a minor in an obscene performance <a href="#">(53a-196b)</a>	
	Importing child pornography <a href="#">(53a-196c)</a>	Five years
	Possessing child pornography 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-196d)</a>	Five years
	Computer crime 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-252)</a>	
	Money laundering 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-276)</a>	

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Vendor fraud 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-291)</a>	
	Computer crime in furtherance of terrorism <a href="#">(53a-301)</a>	When directed toward public safety agency: Five years
<b>Class C Felonies (one to 10 years)</b>	Manslaughter 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-56)</a>	
	Manslaughter 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-56a)</a>	One year
	Manslaughter 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a motor vehicle while intoxicated <a href="#">(53a-56b)</a>	
	Strangulation 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-64aa)</a>	
	Sexual assault 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree (victim 16 or older) <a href="#">(53a-71)</a>	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree (victim under 16) <a href="#">(53a-72a)</a>	
	Sexual assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree with a firearm (victim 16 or older) <a href="#">(53a-72b)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two years</li> <li>• Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years</li> </ul>
	Patronizing a prostitute (when the perpetrator knows or should know the prostitute is under age 18 or a trafficking victim) <a href="#">(53a-83, as amended by PA 13-166)</a>	
	Promoting prostitution 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-87)</a>	
	Enticing a minor (2 <sup>nd</sup> offense, victim 13 or older) <a href="#">(53a-90a)</a>	
	Misrepresentation of age to entice a minor <a href="#">(53a-90b)</a>	
	Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-102)</a>	
	Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-102a)</a>	One year
	Arson 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-113)</a>	
	Larceny 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-123)</a>	
	Criminal trover 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (second and subsequent offenses) <a href="#">(53a-126a)</a>	
	Identity theft 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-129c)</a>	
	Robbery 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-135)</a>	
	Forgery 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-138)</a>	
	Bribery <a href="#">(53a-147)</a>	
Bribe receiving <a href="#">(53a-148)</a>		
Bribery of a witness <a href="#">(53a-149)</a>		
Bribe receiving by a witness <a href="#">(53a-150)</a>		

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<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Tampering with a witness <a href="#">(53a-151)</a>	
	Intimidating a witness <a href="#">(53a-151a)</a>	
	Bribery of a juror <a href="#">(53a-152)</a>	
	Bribe receiving by a juror <a href="#">(53a-153)</a>	
	Hindering prosecution 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-165aa)</a>	Five years
	Hindering prosecution 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-166)</a>	
	Assault of public safety, emergency medical, public transit, or health care personnel <a href="#">(53a-167c)</a>	
	Assault on a prosecutor <a href="#">(53a-167d)</a>	
	Escape 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-169)</a>	
	Escape from custody (by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony) <a href="#">(53a-171)</a>	
	Inciting injury to persons or property <a href="#">(53a-179a)</a>	
	Inciting to riot at correctional institution <a href="#">(53a-179c)</a>	
	Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury or death <a href="#">(53a-180a)</a>	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181j)</a>	
	Possessing child pornography 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-196e)</a>	Two years
	Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor <a href="#">(53a-196i)</a>	
	Stealing a firearm <a href="#">(53a-212, as amended by PA 13-3)</a>	Two years
	Criminal possession of firearm, ammunition, or electronic defense weapon <a href="#">(53a-217, as amended by PA 13-3)</a>	Two years
	Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver <a href="#">(53a-217c, as amended by PA 13-3)</a>	Two years
	Interference with a cemetery or burial ground <a href="#">(53a-218)</a>	
	Computer crime 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-253)</a>	
	Money laundering 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-277)</a>	
	Vendor fraud 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-292)</a>	
	Criminal misrepresentation <a href="#">(53a-302)</a>	

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<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Contamination of public water or food for terrorism <a href="#">(53a-303)</a>	Five years
	Damage to public transportation for terrorism <a href="#">(53a-304)</a>	
	Abuse 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-321)</a>	
<b>Class D Felonies (up to 5 years)</b>	Misconduct with a motor vehicle <a href="#">(53a-57)</a>	
	Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-60)</a>	
	Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-60a)</a>	One year
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-60b)</a>	Two years
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-60c)</a>	Three years
	Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree with a motor vehicle while intoxicated <a href="#">(53a-60d)</a>	
	Threatening 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-61aa)</a>	
	Strangulation 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-64bb)</a>	
	Sexual assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree (victim 16 or older) <a href="#">(53a-72a)</a>	
	Sexual assault 4 <sup>th</sup> degree (victim under 16) <a href="#">(53a-73a)</a>	
	Promoting prostitution 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-88)</a>	
	Enticing a minor (1 <sup>st</sup> offense, victim 13 or older) <a href="#">(53a-90a)</a>	
	Unlawful restraint 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-95)</a>	
	Custodial interference 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-97)</a>	
	Substitution of children <a href="#">(53a-99)</a>	
	Burglary 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-103)</a>	
	Burglary 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree with a firearm <a href="#">(53a-103a)</a>	One year
	Reckless burning <a href="#">(53a-114)</a>	
	Criminal mischief 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-115)</a>	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117e)</a>	
Damage to railroad property 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117k)</a>		

**Table 1 (continued)**

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent offenses) <a href="#">(53a-119b)</a>	
	Larceny 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-124)</a>	
	Criminal trover 1 <sup>st</sup> degree (1 <sup>st</sup> offense) <a href="#">(53a-126a)</a>	
	Theft of utility or cable TV service for profit or gain <a href="#">(53a-127c)</a>	
	Cheating while gambling (except for changing wager after time allowed expires) <a href="#">(53a-127d)</a>	
	Possession of cheating device <a href="#">(53a-127e)</a>	
	Issuing a bad check (over \$1,000) <a href="#">(53a-128)</a>	
	Certain credit card crimes <a href="#">(53a-128i(b))</a>	
	Identity theft 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-129d)</a>	
	Trafficking in personal identifying information <a href="#">(53a-129e)</a>	
	Impersonation of a police officer <a href="#">(53a-130a)</a>	
	Robbery 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-136)</a>	
	Forgery 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-139)</a>	
	Criminal simulation <a href="#">(53a-141)</a>	
	Tampering with a juror <a href="#">(53a-154)</a>	
	Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence <a href="#">(53a-155)</a>	
	Perjury <a href="#">(53a-156)</a>	
	False statement on a certified payroll <a href="#">(53a-157a, as amended by PA 13-144)</a>	
	Bribery of a labor official <a href="#">(53a-158)</a>	
	Bribe receiving by a labor official <a href="#">(53a-159)</a>	
	Commercial bribery <a href="#">(53a-160)</a>	
	Receiving a commercial bribe <a href="#">(53a-161)</a>	
	Bid rigging <a href="#">(53a-161a)</a>	
	Receiving kickbacks <a href="#">(53a-161c)</a>	

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Paying a kickback <a href="#">(53a-161d)</a>	
	Rigging <a href="#">(53a-162)</a>	
	Hindering prosecution 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-167)</a>	
	Escape 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-170)</a>	
	Failure to appear 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-172)</a>	
	Conveying unauthorized items into correctional institution <a href="#">(53a-174(a))</a>	
	Criminal advocacy <a href="#">(53a-179)</a>	
	Falsely reporting an incident 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-180)</a>	
	Falsely reporting an incident concerning serious physical injury or death <a href="#">(53a-180b)</a>	
	Breach of peace 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-180aa)</a>	
	Stalking 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181c)</a>	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181k)</a>	
	Harassment 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-182b)</a>	
	Eavesdropping <a href="#">(53a-189)</a>	
	Voyeurism <a href="#">(53a-189a)</a>	
	Disseminating voyeuristic material <a href="#">(53a-189b)</a>	
	Bigamy <a href="#">(53a-190)</a>	
	Incest <a href="#">(53a-191)</a>	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit a felony) <a href="#">(53a-192)</a>	
	Obscenity as to minors <a href="#">(53a-196)</a>	
	Possessing child pornography 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-196f)</a>	One year
	Possession of sawed-off shotgun or silencer <a href="#">(53a-211)</a>	
	Insurance fraud <a href="#">(53a-215)</a>	
	Criminal use of firearm or electronic defense weapon <a href="#">(53a-216)</a>	Five years
	Criminally negligent storage of a firearm <a href="#">(53a-217a)</a>	

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Possession of weapon on school property <a href="#">(53a-217b)</a>	
	Negligent hunting 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-217e(b))</a>	
	Unlawful possession or sale of gravestones <a href="#">(53a-219)</a>	
	Interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument <a href="#">(53a-221a)</a>	
	Unlawful possession, purchase, or sale of a war or veterans' memorial or monument <a href="#">(53a-221b)</a>	
	Violate conditions of release 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-222)</a>	
	Criminal violation of a protective order <a href="#">(53a-223)</a>	
	Criminal violation of standing criminal protective order <a href="#">(53a-223a)</a>	
	Criminal violation of restraining order <a href="#">(53a-223b)</a>	
	Computer crime 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-254)</a>	
	Money laundering 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-278)</a>	
	Vendor fraud 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-293)</a>	
	Abuse 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-322)</a>	
<b>Class A Misdemeanors (up to one year)</b>	Criminally negligent homicide <a href="#">(53a-58)</a>	
	Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-61)</a>	One year when, with criminal negligence, cause physical injury with deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or electronic defense weapon
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disabilities 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-61a)</a>	One year
	Threatening 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-62)</a>	
	Reckless endangerment 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-63)</a>	
	Strangulation 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-64cc)</a>	
	Sexual assault 4 <sup>th</sup> degree (victim 16 or older) <a href="#">(53a-73a)</a>	
	Prostitution <a href="#">(53a-82)</a>	
	Patronizing a prostitute (except when perpetrator knows or should know the prostitute is under age 18 or a trafficking victim) <a href="#">(53a-83)</a>	

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle <a href="#">(53a-83a)</a>	
	Permitting prostitution <a href="#">(53a-89)</a>	
	Unlawful restraint 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-96)</a>	
	Custodial interference 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-98)</a>	
	Manufacturing or possession of burglar's tools <a href="#">(53a-106)</a>	
	Criminal trespass 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-107)</a>	
	Criminal mischief 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-116)</a>	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117f)</a>	
	Damage to railroad property 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117l)</a>	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (1 <sup>st</sup> offense) <a href="#">(53a-119b)</a>	
	Larceny 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-125)</a>	
	Criminal trover 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-126b)</a>	
	Diversion from state of benefit of employees' labor <a href="#">(53a-127)</a>	
	Unlawful entry into coin machine or possession of key to enter <a href="#">(53a-127a)</a>	
	Unlawful possession of a shoplifting device <a href="#">(53a-127f)</a>	
	Unlawful possession of a personal identifying information access device <a href="#">(53a-127g)</a>	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$500 and \$1,000) <a href="#">(53a-128)</a>	
	Certain credit card crimes <a href="#">(53a-128i(a))</a>	
	Misapplication of property <a href="#">(53a-129)</a>	
	Criminal impersonation <a href="#">(53a-130)</a>	
	Unlawfully concealing a will <a href="#">(53a-131)</a>	
	False entry by officer or agent of public community <a href="#">(53a-132)</a>	
	Forgery of symbols of value <a href="#">(53a-142)</a>	

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Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
	Failure to report bribery <a href="#">(53a-148a)</a>	
	False statement <a href="#">(53a-157b)</a>	
	Disclosure of bid or proposal <a href="#">(53a-161b)</a>	
	Soliciting or accepting benefit for rigging <a href="#">(53a-163)</a>	
	Participating in a rigged contest <a href="#">(53a-164)</a>	
	Interfering with an officer <a href="#">(53a-167a)</a>	
	Failure to assist a peace officer, special policeman, firefighter, or motor vehicle inspector <a href="#">(53a-167b)</a>	
	Escape from custody (by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of an offense that is not a felony) <a href="#">(53a-171)</a>	
	Aiding escape from hospital or sanitarium <a href="#">(53a-171a)</a>	
	Failure to appear 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-173)</a>	
	Conveying unauthorized letters into correctional or humane institution or to inmate outside institution or using false name to enter institution <a href="#">(53a-174(b) or (c))</a>	
	Conveying or using electronic wireless communication device in prison <a href="#">(53a-174b)</a>	
	Riot 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-175)</a>	
	Inciting to riot <a href="#">(53a-178)</a>	
	Falsely reporting an incident 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-180c)</a>	
	Stalking 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181d)</a>	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181l)</a>	
	Interfering with an emergency call <a href="#">(53a-183b)</a>	
	Disrupting a funeral <a href="#">(53a-183c)</a>	
	Tampering with private communications <a href="#">(53a-188)</a>	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit other than a felony) <a href="#">(53a-192)</a>	
	Possessing or transmitting child pornography by minor (sexting) <a href="#">(53a-196h)</a>	

**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</i>
	Criminal possession of body armor <a href="#">(53a-217d)</a>	
	Negligent hunting 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-217e(c))</a>	
	Interference with a memorial plaque <a href="#">(53a-220)</a>	
	Unlawful purchase, possession, or sale of a memorial plaque <a href="#">(53a-221)</a>	
	Violation of conditions of release 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-222a)</a>	
	Recruiting a gang member <a href="#">(53a-224)</a>	
	Computer crime 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-255)</a>	
	Money laundering 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-279)</a>	
	Vendor fraud 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-294)</a>	
	Abuse 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-323)</a>	
<b>Class B Misdemeanors (up to six months)</b>	Reckless endangerment 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-64)</a>	
	Criminal trespass 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-108)</a>	
	Criminal trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree (poaching) <a href="#">(53a-109)</a>	
	Criminal mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117)</a>	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117g)</a>	
	Damage to railroad property 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117m)</a>	
	Larceny 5 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-125a)</a>	
	Cheating while gambling (changing wager after time allowed expires) <a href="#">(53a-127d)</a>	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$250 and \$500) <a href="#">(53a-128)</a>	
	Forgery 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-140)</a>	
	Unlawfully using slugs 1 <sup>st</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-144)</a>	
	Riot 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-176)</a>	
	Unlawful assembly <a href="#">(53a-177)</a>	
	Misuse of 9-1-1 system <a href="#">(53a-180d)</a>	
	Breach of peace 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181)</a>	
Stalking 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-181e)</a>		

**Table 1 (continued)**

<b>Classification (Penalty)</b>	<b>Crime (CGS §)</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
	Public indecency <a href="#">(53a-186)</a>	
	Obscenity <a href="#">(53a-194)</a>	
	Negligent hunting 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-217e(d))</a>	
	Computer crime 5 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-256)</a>	
	Vendor fraud 5 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-295)</a>	
<b>Class C Misdemeanors (up to 3 months)</b>	Criminal trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree (except for poaching) <a href="#">(53a-109)</a>	
	Criminal mischief 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-117a)</a>	
	Larceny 6 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-125b)</a>	
	Fraudulent use of automatic teller machine <a href="#">(53a-127b)</a>	
	Issuing a bad check (\$250 or less) <a href="#">(53a-128)</a>	
	Unlawfully using slugs 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-145)</a>	
	Disorderly conduct <a href="#">(53a-182)</a>	
	Obstructing free passage <a href="#">(53a-182a)</a>	
	Harassment 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-183)</a>	
	Obstructing the lawful taking of wildlife <a href="#">(53a-183a)</a>	
	Loitering in or about school grounds <a href="#">(53a-185)</a>	
	Drinking while operating a motor vehicle <a href="#">(53a-213)</a>	
	Criminal lockout <a href="#">(53a-214)</a>	
	Negligent hunting 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-217e(e))</a>	
	Vendor fraud 6 <sup>th</sup> degree <a href="#">(53a-296)</a>	
<b>Unclassified (life imprisonment, statutorily defined as 60 years)</b>	Arson murder <a href="#">(53a-54d)</a>	Can be suspended ( <i>State v. Dupree</i> , 196 Conn. 655 (1985))
<b>Unclassified (up to two years)</b>	Violating injunction against material or performance that is obscene or obscene as to minors <a href="#">(53a-209)</a>	

\*CGS §§ [53a-28](#) and [53a-29](#) prohibit suspension or reduction of any sentence for a class A felony, meaning that the 10-year minimum sentence for a class A felony becomes a mandatory minimum, unless the statute specifies otherwise. In cases noted above, the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled that where a more serious crime carries a lesser penalty, this penalty must prevail and be applied to the less serious crime.

## PERSISTENT OFFENDERS, ACTS OF TERRORISM, AND OTHER ENHANCED SENTENCES

A number of statutes authorize enhanced penalties for offenders who commit crimes contained in the Penal Code depending on their criminal record or the circumstances of the crime (such as using a weapon). Table 2 displays these provisions, including two provisions from outside the Penal Code because they enhance penalties for crimes contained in the Penal Code.

**Table 2: Statutes That Enhance Penalties for Penal Code Offenses and Offenders**

<i>Offense (CGS §)</i>	<i>Authorized Penalty</i>
Probation for certain sex offenses (53a-29(f))	10 to 35 years probation
Persistent dangerous felony offenders (53a-40(a) and (h))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those with one of the required prior convictions, a range between twice the minimum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, including twice any mandatory minimum sentence that applies, to a maximum of 40 years or twice the maximum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, whichever is longer</li> <li>For those with two of the required prior convictions, a range between three times the minimum penalty for the crime the person stands convicted of, including three times any mandatory minimum sentence that applies, and life in prison (60 years)</li> </ul>
Persistent dangerous sexual offenders (53a-40(b) and (i))	A combined term of prison and special parole that constitutes a life sentence (statutorily defined as 60 years)
Persistent serious felony offenders (53a-40(c) and (j))	Sentence of imprisonment for the next more serious degree of felony instead of the statutory sentence for the underlying crime*
Persistent serious sexual offenders (53a-40(d) and (k))	Sentence of imprisonment and a period of special parole which together constitute the maximum sentence for the next more serious degree of felony*
Persistent larceny offenders (53a-40(e) and (l))	Sentence for a class D felony (the underlying larceny offenses are all misdemeanors)
Persistent felony offenders (53a-40(f) and (m))	Sentence of imprisonment for the next more serious degree of felony with a 3-year mandatory minimum sentence*
Persistent bigotry or bias offenders (53a-40a)	Sentence for the next most serious felony or misdemeanor or, if the crime for which the sentence is to be imposed is a class A misdemeanor, the sentence for a class D felony
Offense committed while on release (53a-40b)	In addition to the sentence for the offense: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>up to 10 years for a felony</li> <li>up to one year for a misdemeanor</li> </ul>
Persistent assault, trespass, stalking, criminal violation of protective or restraining order, and harassment-related offenders (53a-40d)	Sentence for the next most serious felony or misdemeanor or, if the crime for which the sentence is to be imposed is a class A misdemeanor, the sentence for a class D felony
Persistent operating under the influence offender (53a-40f)	Sentence for the next more serious degree of felony
Carjacking—robbery involving an occupied motor vehicle (53a-136a)	Three year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the robbery

Table 2 (continued)

<b>Offense (CGS §)</b>	<b>Authorized Penalty</b>
Persistent negligent hunters (53a-217e(f))	Sentence for the next most serious degree of negligent hunting or hunting under the influence
Act of terrorism (53a-300)	Sentence for the next most serious degree of felony*
Commit class A, B, or C felony with assault rifle (53-202j)	Eight year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the felony
Commit class A, B, or C felony with firearm (53-202k)	Five year mandatory minimum, in addition and consecutive to any imprisonment for the felony

\*If the penalty for a class A felony is imposed under one of these provisions, a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence would apply.

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