

Connecticut Penal Code — Updated and Revised

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Issue

This report lists all crimes in the Connecticut Penal Code ([Title 53a](#) of the General Statutes) and their penalties. It updates OLR Report [2021-R-0080](#). **This report has been updated by OLR Report [2023-R-0082](#).**

Summary

This report lists all of the crimes contained in the Penal Code. It includes all changes from the 2021 regular and special legislative 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 364 days (see [PA 21-32](#), § 35). In turn, felonies are classified according to severity as class A, B, C, D, or E. Misdemeanors are classified as class A, B, C, or D. There are unclassified felonies and misdemeanors which are punishable by imprisonment but not designated under one of the classes listed above. (Some unclassified crimes may be deemed classified if they have the same maximum prison term as one of the classes specified above.)

Penal Code

- *Title 53a of the General Statutes*
- *The Penal Code covers many categories of offenses, including homicide, assault, sexual assault, robbery, burglary, and larceny*
- *Statutes with criminal penalties are found throughout the statutes, not just in the Penal Code*

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, possible probation terms, sex offender registry requirements, or other consequences of a conviction. We also exclude statutes that are punishable as infractions or by a fine only.

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

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Capital A Felony — Murder with special circumstances (life without possibility of release)	Murder with special circumstances (only adults can be convicted of this crime) (53a-54b)	Life without possibility of release
Class A Felonies — Murder (25 to 60 years)	Murder (53a-54a)	25 years
	Felony murder (53a-54c)	25 years
Class A Felony — Aggravated sexual assault of a minor (25 to 50 years)	Aggravated sexual assault of a minor (53a-70c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: 25 years • Subsequent offense: 50 years
Class A Felonies (10 to 25 years)	Assault of pregnant woman resulting in termination of pregnancy (53a-59c)	10 years*
	Sexual assault 1 st degree (when force is used or threatened and victim under age 16 or victim under age 13 and actor more than two years older) (53a-70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years • 10 years if victim under age 10 • In all cases, must sentence to 10 years in prison (non-mandatory portions can be suspended) or 10 years combined imprisonment and special parole
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 st degree (victim under age 16) (53a-70a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years • 20 years if force is used or threatened
	Commercial sexual abuse of a minor (victim under age 15) (53a-83b , as amended by PA 21-103 , § 5)	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1 st degree (53a-92)	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1 st degree with a firearm (53a-92a)	10 years*
	Home invasion (53a-100aa)	10 years
	Arson 1 st degree (53a-111)	No mandatory minimum (pursuant to <i>State v. O’Neill</i> , 200 Conn. 268 (1986))
	Trafficking in persons (53a-192a , as amended by PA 21-103 , § 3)	10 years*
	Employing a minor in an obscene performance (53a-196a)	10 years

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class B Felony — Manslaughter 1st degree with a firearm (five to 40 years)	Manslaughter 1 st degree with a firearm (53a-55a)	Five years
Class B Felonies (one to 20 years)	Manslaughter 1 st degree (53a-55)	
	Assault 1 st degree (53a-59)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years when committed with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument • 10 years if victim is under age 10 or a witness
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disability 1 st degree (53a-59a)	Five years
	Assault of Department of Correction employee 1 st degree (53a-59b)	
	Sexual assault 1 st degree (except when a class A felony — see above) (53a-70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • 10 years if victim under age 10 • In all cases, must sentence to 10 years in prison (non-mandatory portion can be suspended) or 10 years combined imprisonment and special parole
	Aggravated sexual assault 1 st degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-70a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years • 10-year term required but non-mandatory portion can be suspended
	Sexual assault 2 nd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree with a firearm (victim under age 16) (53a-72b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years
	Commercial sexual abuse of a minor (victim age 15 through 17) (53a-83b , as amended by PA 21-103 , § 5)	
	Promoting prostitution 1 st degree (53a-86)	Nine months if the victim is under age 18
	Enticing a minor (victim under age 13 or 3 rd or subsequent offense with victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	<p>When victim under age 13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: five years • Subsequent offense: 10 years

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class B Felonies (continued)	Kidnapping 2 nd degree (53a-94)	Three years
	Kidnapping 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-94a)	Three years
	Burglary 1 st degree (53a-101)	Five years when armed with explosive, deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument
	Arson 2 nd degree (53a-112)	
	Larceny 1 st degree (53a-122)	
	Telephone fraud 1 st degree (53a-125c)	
	Identity theft 1 st degree (53a-129b)	
	Robbery 1 st degree (53a-134)	Five years when armed with a deadly weapon
	Intimidating a witness (53a-151a)	
	Possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument in a correctional institution (53a-174a)	
	Rioting at correctional institution (53a-179b)	
	Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury or death with specific intent to do so based on certain characteristics of the reported person or group (e.g., race, sex, sexual orientation) (53a-180a)	
	Promoting a minor in an obscene performance (53a-196b)	
	Importing child pornography (53a-196c)	Five years
	Possessing child pornography 1 st degree (53a-196d)	Five years
	Computer crime 1 st degree (53a-252)	
Money laundering 1 st degree (53a-276)		
Vendor fraud 1 st degree (53a-291)		

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class B Felonies (continued)	Computer crime in furtherance of terrorist purposes (53a-301)	When directed toward public safety agency: five years
Class C Felonies (one to 10 years)	Manslaughter 2 nd degree (53a-56)	
	Manslaughter 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-56a)	One year
	Manslaughter 2 nd degree with a motor vehicle while under the influence (53a-56b)	
	Assault 2 nd degree (resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60)	
	Assault 2 nd degree with a firearm (resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60a)	One year
	Threatening 1 st degree with intent to cause evacuation of a school or day care, house of religious worship, or religiously-affiliated community center (53a-61aa)	
	Strangulation or suffocation 1 st degree (53a-64aa)	
	Sexual assault 2 nd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree with a firearm (victim age 16 or older) (53a-72b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years
	Promoting prostitution 2 nd degree (53a-87)	
	Enticing a minor (2 nd offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Misrepresentation of age to entice a minor (53a-90b)	
	Burglary 2 nd degree (53a-102)	
	Burglary 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-102a)	One year

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class C Felonies (continued)	Arson 3 rd degree (53a-113)	
	Larceny 2 nd degree (53a-123)	
	Telephone fraud 2 nd degree (53a-125d)	
	Criminal trover 1 st degree (second and subsequent offenses) (53a-126a)	
	Identity theft 2 nd degree (53a-129c)	
	Robbery 2 nd degree (53a-135)	
	Forgery 1 st degree (53a-138)	
	Bribery (53a-147)	
	Bribe receiving (53a-148)	
	Bribery of a witness (53a-149)	
	Bribe receiving by a witness (53a-150)	
	Tampering with a witness (53a-151)	
	Bribery of a juror (53a-152)	
	Bribe receiving by a juror (53a-153)	
	Hindering prosecution 1 st degree (53a-165aa)	Five years
	Hindering prosecution 2 nd degree (53a-166)	
	Assault of public safety, emergency medical, public transit, or health care personnel (53a-167c)	
	Assault of a prosecutor (53a-167d)	
	Aggravated assault of a public transit employee (53a-167e)	
	Escape 1 st degree (53a-169)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class C Felonies (continued)	Escape from custody (by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony) (53a-171)	
	Inciting injury to persons or property (53a-179a)	
	Inciting to riot at correctional institution (53a-179c)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 1 st degree with specific intent to do so based on certain characteristics of the reported person or group (e.g., race, sex, sexual orientation) (53a-180)	
	Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury or death (except when a class B felony — see above) (53a-180a)	
	Falsely reporting an incident concerning serious physical injury or death with specific intent to do so based on certain characteristics of the reported person or group (e.g., race, sex, sexual orientation) (53a-180b)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 1 st degree (53a-181j) , as amended by PA 21-78 , § 17)	
	Voyeurism (any subsequent offense or a 1 st offense if the perpetrator has certain prior convictions or the crime involves a victim under age 16) (53a-189a)	
	Possessing child pornography 2 nd degree (53a-196e)	Two years
	Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor (53a-196i)	
	Stealing a firearm (53a-212)	Two years
	Criminal possession of firearm, ammunition, or electronic defense weapon (53a-217) , as amended by PA 21-67 , § 6)	Two years
	Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver (53a-217c) , as amended by PA 21-67 , § 7)	Two years
Interference with a cemetery or burial ground (53a-218)		

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class C Felonies (continued)	Violate conditions of release 1 st degree by restraining a person's liberty or threatening, harassing, assaulting, or sexually assaulting a person (53a-222)	
	Criminal violation of a protective order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223)	
	Criminal violation of standing criminal protective order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223a)	
	Criminal violation of restraining order (when (1) restrain person protected by the order or his or her liberty or (2) threaten, harass, assault, or sexually assault the person) (53a-223b)	
	Computer crime 2 nd degree (53a-253)	
	Money laundering 2 nd degree (53a-277)	
	Vendor fraud 2 nd degree (53a-292)	
	Criminal misrepresentation (53a-302)	
	Contamination of public water or food supply for terrorist purposes (53a-303)	Five years
	Damage to public transportation for terrorist purposes (53a-304)	
	Abuse 1 st degree of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with intellectual disability (53a-321)	
Class D Felonies (up to five years)	Misconduct with a motor vehicle (53a-57)	
	Assault 2 nd degree (not resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Assault 2 nd degree with a firearm (not resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60a)	One year
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disability 2 nd degree (53a-60b)	Two years
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disability 2 nd degree with a firearm (53a-60c)	Three years
	Assault 2 nd degree with a motor vehicle while under the influence (53a-60d)	
	Threatening 1 st degree (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-61aa)	
	Threatening 2 nd degree of a person in a school or day care, house of religious worship, or religiously-affiliated community center (53a-62)	
	Strangulation or suffocation 2 nd degree (53a-64bb)	
	Sexual assault 3 rd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 4 th degree (victim under age 16) (53a-73a)	
	Promoting prostitution 3 rd degree (53a-88)	
	Enticing a minor (1 st offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Unlawful restraint 1 st degree (53a-95)	
	Custodial interference 1 st degree (53a-97)	
	Substitution of children (53a-99)	
Burglary 3 rd degree (53a-103)		
Burglary 3 rd degree with a firearm (53a-103a)	One year	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Reckless burning (53a-114)	
	Criminal mischief 1 st degree (53a-115)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 1 st degree (53a-117e)	
	Damage to railroad property 1 st degree (53a-117k)	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (2 nd and subsequent offenses) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny 3 rd degree (53a-124)	
	Telephone fraud 3 rd degree (53a-125e)	
	Criminal trover 1 st degree (1 st offense) (53a-126a)	
	Theft of utility or cable TV service for profit or gain (53a-127c)	
	Cheating while gambling (except for changing wager after time allowed expires) (53a-127d)	
	Possession of cheating device (53a-127e)	
	Issuing a bad check (over \$2,000) (53a-128)	
	Certain credit and debit card crimes (53a-128i(b)) (See 53a-128c to 128f)	
	Identity theft 3 rd degree (53a-129d)	
	Trafficking in personal identifying information (53a-129e , as amended by PA 21-56 , § 3)	
	Impersonation of a police officer (53a-130a)	
	Robbery 3 rd degree (53a-136)	
Forgery 2 nd degree (53a-139)		

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Criminal simulation (53a-141)	
	Filing a false record (53a-142a)	
	Tampering with a juror (53a-154)	
	Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence (53a-155)	
	Perjury (53a-156)	
	False statement on a certified payroll (53a-157a)	
	Bribery of a labor official (53a-158)	
	Bribe receiving by a labor official (53a-159)	
	Commercial bribery (53a-160)	
	Receiving a commercial bribe (53a-161)	
	Bid rigging (53a-161a)	
	Receiving kickbacks (53a-161c)	
	Paying a kickback (53a-161d)	
	Rigging (53a-162)	
	Hindering prosecution 3 rd degree (53a-167)	
	Interfering with an officer (which causes death or serious physical injury) (53a-167a)	
	Abuse of an oath document (PA 21-104, § 55, codified at CGS § 53a-167f)	
	Escape 2 nd degree (53a-170)	
	Failure to appear 1 st degree (53a-172)	
	Conveying unauthorized items into correctional or humane institution (53a-174(a))	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class D Felonies (continued)	Criminal advocacy (53a-179)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 1 st degree (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-180)	
	Falsely reporting an incident concerning serious physical injury or death (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-180b)	
	Breach of peace 1 st degree (53a-180aa)	
	Stalking 1 st degree (53a-181c , as amended by PA 21-56 , § 1)	
	Electronic stalking (53a-181f , as amended by PA 21-102 , § 8)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 2 nd degree (53a-181k , as amended by PA 21-78 , § 18)	
	Harassment 1 st degree (53a-182b)	
	Eavesdropping (53a-189)	
	Voyeurism (1 st offense, when victim is at least age 16 and perpetrator does not have certain prior convictions) (53a-189a)	
	Disseminating voyeuristic material (53a-189b)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (when disseminating images to multiple people by certain electronic means) (53a-189c , as amended by PA 21-102 , § 9)	
	Bigamy (53a-190)	
	Incest (53a-191)	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit a felony) (53a-192)	
	Obscenity as to minors (53a-196)	
	Possessing child pornography 3 rd degree (53a-196f)	One year
Possession of sawed-off shotgun or silencer (53a-211)		

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class D Felonies (continued)	Insurance fraud (53a-215)	
	Criminal use of firearm or electronic defense weapon (53a-216)	Five years
	Criminally negligent storage of a firearm (53a-217a)	
	Possession of weapon on school grounds (53a-217b)	
	Negligent hunting 1 st degree (53a-217e(b))	
	Unlawful possession or sale of gravestones (53a-219)	
	Interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument (53a-221a)	
	Unlawful possession, purchase, or sale of a war or veterans' memorial or monument (53a-221b)	
	Violate conditions of release 1 st degree (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-222)	
	Violate conditions of release 2 nd degree by restraining a person's liberty or threatening, harassing, assaulting, or sexually assaulting a person (53a-222a)	
	Criminal violation of protective order (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-223)	
	Criminal violation of standing criminal protective order (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-223a)	
	Criminal violation of restraining order (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-223b)	
	Criminal violation of civil protection order (53a-223c)	
	Enticing a juvenile to commit a criminal act (second and subsequent offenses) (PA 21-33 , § 12, codified at 53a-225)	
	Computer crime 3 rd degree (53a-254)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class D Felonies (continued)	Money laundering 3 rd degree (53a-278)	
	Vendor fraud 3 rd degree (53a-293)	
	Abuse of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with intellectual disability 2 nd degree (53a-322)	
Class E Felonies (up to three years)	Falsely reporting an incident 2 nd degree with specific intent to do so based on certain characteristics of the reported person or group (e.g., race, sex, sexual orientation) (53a-180c)	
	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 3 rd degree (53a-181i , as amended by PA 21-78 , § 19)	
	Computer extortion by use of ransomware (53a-262)	
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**)	Criminally negligent homicide (53a-58)	
	Assault 3 rd degree (53a-61)	364 days 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 disability 3 rd degree (53a-61a)	364 days**
	Threatening 2 nd degree (except when a class D felony — see above) (53a-62)	
	Reckless endangerment 1 st degree (53a-63)	
	Strangulation or suffocation 3 rd degree (53a-64cc)	
	Sexual assault 4 th degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-73a)	
	Prostitution (53a-82)	
	Soliciting sexual acts (53a-83 , as amended by PA 21-102 , § 2 and PA 21-103 , § 4)	
	Permitting prostitution (53a-89)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Unlawful restraint 2 nd degree (53a-96)	
	Custodial interference 2 nd degree (53a-98)	
	Manufacturing or possession of burglar's tools (53a-106)	
	Criminal trespass 1 st degree (53a-107)	
	Criminal mischief 2 nd degree (53a-116)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 2 nd degree (53a-117f)	
	Damage to railroad property 2 nd degree (53a-117l)	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (1 st offense) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny 4 th degree (53a-125)	
	Telephone fraud 4 th degree (53a-125f)	
	Criminal trover 2 nd degree (53a-126b)	
	Diversion from state of benefit of employees' labor (53a-127)	
	Unlawful entry into coin machine or possession of key to enter (53a-127a)	
	Fraudulent use of automated teller machine (53a-127b)	
	Unlawful possession of a shoplifting device (53a-127f)	
	Unlawful possession of a personal identifying information access device (53a-127g)	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$1,000 and \$2,000) (53a-128)	
Certain credit and debit card crimes (53a-128i(a)) (See 53a-128b to 128g)		

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Misapplication of property (53a-129)	
	Criminal impersonation (53a-130)	
	Unlawfully concealing a will (53a-131)	
	False entry by officer or agent of public community (53a-132)	
	Forgery of symbols of value (53a-142)	
	Failure to report bribery (53a-148a)	
	False statement (53a-157b)	
	Disclosure of bid or proposal (53a-161b)	
	Soliciting or accepting benefit for rigging (53a-163)	
	Participating in a rigged contest (53a-164)	
	Interfering with an officer (when does not cause death or serious physical injury) (53a-167a)	
	Failure to assist a peace officer, special policeman, or firefighter (53a-167b)	
	Escape from custody (other than by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony) (53a-171)	
	Aiding escape from hospital or sanitarium (53a-171a)	
	Failure to appear 2 nd degree (53a-173)	
	Conveying unauthorized letters into correctional or humane institution or from inmate to someone outside institution or using false name to enter institution (53a-174(b) or (c))	
Conveying or using electronic wireless communication device in prison (53a-174b)		
Riot 1 st degree (53a-175)		

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Inciting to riot (53a-178)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 2 nd degree (except when a class E felony — see above) (53a-180c)	
	Misuse of 9-1-1 system with specific intent to do so based on certain characteristics of the reported person or group (e.g., race, sex, sexual orientation) (53a-180d)	
	Stalking 2 nd degree (53a-181d , as amended by PA 21-56 , § 2)	
	Interfering with an emergency call (53a-183b)	
	Disrupting a funeral (53a-183c)	
	Tampering with private communications (53a-188)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (except when a class D felony — see above) (53a-189c , as amended by PA 21-102 , § 9)	
	Coercion (other than when the threat is to commit a felony) (53a-192)	
	Possessing or transmitting child pornography by minor (sexting) (53a-196h)	
	Criminal possession of body armor (53a-217d)	
	Negligent hunting 2 nd degree (53a-217e(c))	
	Interference with a memorial plaque (53a-220)	
	Unlawful purchase, possession, or sale of a memorial plaque (53a-221)	
	Violate conditions of release 2 nd degree (except when a class D felony — see above) (53a-222a)	
	Recruiting a gang member (53a-224)	
	Enticing a juvenile to commit a criminal act (first offense) (PA 21-33 , § 12, codified at 53a-225)	

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Classification (Penalty)</i>	<i>Crime (CGS §)</i>	<i>Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)</i>
Class A Misdemeanors (continued)	Computer crime 4 th degree (53a-255)	
	Money laundering 4 th degree (53a-279)	
	Vendor fraud 4 th degree (53a-294)	
	Abuse of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with intellectual disability 3 rd degree (53a-323)	
Class B Misdemeanors (up to six months)	Reckless endangerment 2 nd degree (53a-64)	
	Criminal trespass 2 nd degree (53a-108)	
	Criminal trespass 3 rd degree (poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 3 rd degree (53a-117)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 3 rd degree (53a-117g)	
	Damage to railroad property 3 rd degree (53a-117m)	
	Larceny 5 th degree (53a-125a)	
	Telephone fraud 5 th degree (53a-125g)	
	Cheating while gambling (changing wager after time allowed expires) (53a-127d)	
	Issuing a bad check (between \$500 and \$1,000) (53a-128)	
	Forgery 3 rd degree (53a-140)	
	Unlawfully using slugs 1 st degree (53a-144)	
	Riot 2 nd degree (53a-176)	
	Unlawful assembly (53a-177)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class B Misdemeanors (continued)	Misuse of 9-1-1 system (except when a class A misdemeanor — see above) (53a-180d)	
	Breach of peace 2 nd degree (53a-181)	
	Stalking 3 rd degree (53a-181e)	
	Public indecency (53a-186)	
	Obscenity (53a-194)	
	Negligent hunting 3 rd degree (53a-217e(d))	
	Computer crime 5 th degree (53a-256)	
	Vendor fraud 5 th degree (53a-295)	
Class C Misdemeanors (up to three months)	Criminal trespass 3 rd degree (except for poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 4 th degree (53a-117a)	
	Larceny 6 th degree (53a-125b)	
	Telephone fraud 6 th degree (53a-125h)	
	Issuing a bad check (\$500 or less) (53a-128)	
	Unlawfully using slugs 2 nd degree (53a-145)	
	Disorderly conduct (53a-182)	
	Obstructing free passage (53a-182a)	
	Harassment 2 nd degree (53a-183 , as amended by PA 21-56 , § 5)	
	Obstructing or interfering with the lawful taking of wildlife (53a-183a)	
	Loitering in or about school grounds (53a-185)	
	Drinking while operating a motor vehicle (53a-213 , as amended by PA 21-28 , § 12)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (if applicable)
Class C Misdemeanors (continued)	Using cannabis while operating a motor vehicle (PA 21-1 , June Special Session (JSS), § 112, codified at CGS § 53a-213a)	
	Criminal lockout (53a-214)	
	Negligent hunting 4 th degree (53a-217e(e))	
	Vendor fraud 6 th degree (53a-296)	
Class D Misdemeanors (up to 30 days)	Using cannabis while a passenger in a motor vehicle (PA 21-1 , JSS, § 113, codified at CGS § 53a- 213b)	
Unclassified (25 to 60 years if perpetrator is under age 18 at time of the crime, otherwise life imprisonment which is statutorily defined as 60 years)	Arson murder (53a-54d)	Can be suspended (<i>State v. Dupree</i> , 196 Conn. 655 (1985))
Unclassified (up to two years)	Violating injunction against material or performance that is obscene or obscene as to minors (53a-209)	

*[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.

** [PA 21-32](#), § 35 (codified at CGS § 53a-36a) reduced the maximum sentence for misdemeanors from one year to 364 days.

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.

The Penal Code also contains provisions authorizing enhanced penalties for persistent drug possession offenders ([CGS §§ 53a-40\(f\) and \(n\)](#), as amended by [PA 21-102](#), § 10). (These provisions are not included in the table because none of the underlying crimes are in the Penal Code.)

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

Offense (CGS §)	Authorized Penalty
Probation for certain sex offenses (53a-29(f))	10 to 35 years' probation, in addition to imprisonment
Persistent dangerous felony offenders (53a-40(a) & (i))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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)
Persistent dangerous sexual offenders (53a-40(b) & (j))	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) & (k))	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) & (l))	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) & (m))	Sentence for the next most serious degree of misdemeanor, or a class E felony if the person's present conviction is for 4 th degree larceny, a class A misdemeanor (the underlying larceny offenses are all misdemeanors)
Persistent felony offenders (53a-40(g) & (o) , as amended by PA 21-102 , § 10)	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"> • up to 10 years for a felony • up to one year for a misdemeanor
Persistent assault; trespass; stalking; threatening; criminal violation of protective, standing criminal protective, or restraining order; and harassment 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 felony 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
Persistent negligent hunters (53a-217e(f))	Sentence for the next most serious degree of negligent hunting or hunting under the influence

Table 2 (continued)

Offense (CGS §)	Authorized Penalty
Act of terrorism (53a-300)	Sentence for the next most serious degree of felony*
Commit class A, B, or C felony with assault weapon (53-202i)	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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