

# Penalties for Car Theft and Hit-and-Run Crimes

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## Issue

This report compares the penalties for car theft and hit-and-run (also known as evading responsibility or leaving the scene of an accident) in Connecticut and a selection of other states.

This report focuses on penalties for adults and does not address penalties for juveniles.

## Summary

We identified the penalties for car theft and hit-and-run crimes in Connecticut, other northeastern states, and select other states (a total of 12 states).

Under Connecticut law, a person who steals a car commits larceny of a motor vehicle. A first offense is a class E felony, punishable by up to three years in prison, a fine of up to \$3,500, or both; a second offense is a class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both; and a subsequent offense is a class B felony, punishable by 1 to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both ([CGS § 53a-119c](#)).

The other states we surveyed punish theft of a motor vehicle either as a specific crime or as part of broader theft or larceny crimes. Penalties in these states vary, but each has a range of prison penalties and fines based either on the value of the motor vehicle stolen or prior convictions. Some of the states we surveyed (such as Colorado and New Hampshire) suspend an offender's driver's license for motor vehicle theft.

Hit-and-run typically refers to causing an accident with a motor vehicle and leaving the scene without providing certain information or assisting an injured person. Connecticut law punishes this conduct as evading responsibility. A person commits this crime if he or she operates a motor vehicle, is knowingly involved in an accident that causes property damage or harm to another person, and does not stop, render assistance, and provide certain information. The penalty for this crime is:

1. if only property is damaged, a class A misdemeanor for a first offense, punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, and a driver's license suspension of at least 90 days (a youthful offender's driver's license is suspended for six months), and a class D felony for a subsequent offense with a driver's license suspension of at least one year (a youthful offender's driver's license is suspended for one year);
2. if another person suffers a physical injury, a class D felony with a driver's license suspension of at least 90 days for a first offense and at least one year for a subsequent offense (a youthful offender's driver's license is suspended for six months for a first offense and one year for a subsequent offense); and
3. if another person is seriously injured or dies, a class B felony with a driver's license suspension of one year for a first offense and at least two years for a subsequent offense ([CGS §§ 14-224 & 14-111](#)).

Like Connecticut, the other states we surveyed have different penalties depending on whether the accident caused property damage or injured or killed a person. These penalties typically include prison sentences, fines, and driver's license suspensions.

## Theft of a Motor Vehicle

In the states we surveyed, some have specific motor vehicle theft crimes while others punish these thefts under broader larceny or theft statutes. Table 1 below displays the standard penalties applicable to theft of a motor vehicle in Connecticut and northeastern and select other states. Other penalties may apply in certain situations in certain states, such as when the victim is a senior or when the offender is subject to enhanced penalties based on specified prior convictions.

**Table 1: Penalties for Theft of a Motor Vehicle in Connecticut and Northeastern and Select Other States**

State	Penalties for Car Theft
<p><b>Connecticut</b>  <a href="#">CGS § 53a-119c</a></p>	<p>First offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to three years in prison, a fine of up to \$3,500, or both (class E felony)</li> </ul> <p>Second offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both (class D felony)</li> </ul> <p>Subsequent offenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both (class B felony)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Colorado</b>  <a href="#">Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-4-409, 18-1.3-401 &amp; 42-2-125</a></p>	<p>3rd degree motor vehicle theft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One to three years in prison and two years parole, a \$1,000 to \$100,000 fine, or both (class 5 felony)</li> </ul> <p>2nd degree motor vehicle theft (theft and certain other crimes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two to six years in prison and three years parole, a \$2,000 to \$500,000 fine, or both (class 4 felony)</li> </ul> <p>1st degree motor vehicle theft (two prior convictions of motor vehicle theft or unauthorized use in any jurisdiction):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four to 12 years in prison and three years parole, a \$3,000 to \$750,000 fine, or both (class 3 felony)</li> </ul> <p>Using a motor vehicle while committing a felony results in a driver's license suspension of at least one year</p>
<p><b>Illinois</b>  <a href="#">Ill. Rev. Stat. 720 ILCS 5/16-1 &amp; 730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-5 et seq.</a></p>	<p>Theft of property valued at up to \$500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than one year in prison, \$75 to \$2,500 fine, or both (class A misdemeanor)</li> <li>One to three years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (class 4 felony) if prior theft or certain other convictions</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$500 and up to \$10,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two to five years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (class 3 felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$10,000 and up to \$100,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three to seven years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (class 2 felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$100,000 and up to \$500,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four to 15 years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (class 1 felony)</li> </ul> <p>*Two levels of higher penalties apply to higher property values</p>

**Table 1 (continued)**

State	Penalties for Car Theft
<p><b>Maine</b>  <a href="#">Me. Rev. Stat. §§ 17-A-353, -1604 &amp; -1704</a></p>	<p>Theft of property valued at \$500 or less:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to six months in prison, up to \$1,000 fine, or both (class E crime)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is more than \$500 and up to \$1,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than one year in prison, up to \$2,000 fine, or both (class D crime)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is more than \$1,000 and up to \$10,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to five years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class C crime)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is more than \$10,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 10 years in prison, up to \$20,000 fine, or both (class B crime)</li> </ul> <p>If two prior theft-related convictions in any jurisdiction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to five years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class C crime)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Massachusetts</b>  <a href="#">Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 266 § 28</a></p>	<p>Motor vehicle theft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 15 years in prison or up to 2.5 years in jail, up to \$15,000 fine, or both</li> <li>Penalty for a subsequent offense must include at least one year in prison and, with limited exceptions, no eligibility for probation, parole, furlough, or work release</li> <li>Driver's license suspended for one year for a first offense and five years for a subsequent offense</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Hampshire</b>  <a href="#">N.H. Rev. Stat. §§ 637:3, 637:11, 651:2 &amp; 263:58</a></p>	<p>Theft of property valued at up to \$1,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$1,200 fine (misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$1,000 and up to \$1,500 or two prior theft convictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to seven years in prison, up to \$4,000 fine, or both (class B felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$1,500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 15 years in prison, up to \$4,000 fine, or both (class A felony)</li> </ul> <p>Driver's license revoked for two to five years for larceny of a motor vehicle</p>

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State	Penalties for Car Theft
<p><b>New Jersey</b>  <a href="#">N.J. Rev. Stat. §§ 2C:20-10.1, 2C:20-2.1, 2C:43-3 &amp; 2C:43-6</a></p>	<p>Theft of motor vehicle valued up to \$75,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three to five years in prison, up to \$15,000 fine, or both (3rd degree crime)</li> </ul> <p>Motor vehicle valued at over \$75,000 or theft of more than one motor vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five to 10 years in prison, up to \$150,000 fine, or both (2nd degree crime)</li> </ul> <p>Additional penalties for theft of a motor vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: \$500 fine and up to one-year license suspension</li> <li>• Second offense: \$750 fine and up to two-year license suspension</li> <li>• Subsequent offense: \$1,000 fine and up to 10-year license suspension</li> </ul>
<p><b>New York</b>  <a href="#">NY Penal Law §§ 155.25, 155.30, 155.35, 155.40, 155.42, 70.00, 70.15, 80.00 &amp; 80.05</a></p>	<p>Petty larceny (property valued at under \$100):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 364 days in prison, up to \$1,000 fine, or both (class A misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>4th degree grand larceny (motor vehicle valued over \$100):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 4 years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class E felony)</li> </ul> <p>3rd degree grand larceny (property valued over \$3,000):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 7 years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class D felony)</li> </ul> <p>2nd degree grand larceny (property valued over \$50,000):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 15 years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class C felony)</li> </ul> <p>1st degree grand larceny (property valued over \$1,000,000):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 25 years, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class B felony)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rhode Island</b>  <a href="#">R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-41-5</a></p>	<p>Theft of property valued up to \$1,500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to one year in prison, up to \$500 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$1,500 and less than \$5,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to three years in prison, up to \$1,500 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$5,000 and less than \$10,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to six years in prison, up to \$3,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If property value is over \$10,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 10 years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both</li> </ul>

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State	Penalties for Car Theft
<p><b>Texas</b>  <a href="#">Penal Code §§ 31.03 &amp; 12.21 to 12.35</a></p>	<p>Theft of property valued at less than \$100:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$500 fine (class C misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$100 and up to \$750 or less than \$100 with a prior theft conviction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 180 days in prison, up to \$2,000 fine, or both (class B misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$750 and up to \$2,500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to one year in prison, up to \$4,000 fine, or both (class A misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$2,500 and up to \$30,000 or less than \$2,500 with at least two prior theft convictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>180 days to 2 years in prison, up to \$10,000 fine, or both (state jail felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$30,000 and up to \$150,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two to 10 years in prison, up to \$10,000 fine, or both (3rd degree felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$150,000 and up to \$300,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two to 20 years in prison, up to \$10,000 fine, or both (2nd degree felony)</li> </ul> <p>If property valued at \$300,000 or more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life or 5 to 99 years in prison, fine of up to \$10,000, or both (1st degree felony)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vermont</b>  <a href="#">Vt. Stat. Title 13 §§ 2501 &amp; 2502</a></p>	<p>Petit larceny (property valued at up to \$900)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to one year in prison, up to \$1,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>Grand larceny (property valued at over \$900)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 10 years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both</li> </ul>
<p><b>Virginia</b>  <a href="#">VA Code §§ 18.2-95, 18.2-96, 18.2-11 &amp; 46.2-390</a></p>	<p>Petty larceny (property valued at under \$1,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 12 months in prison, up to \$2,500 fine, or both (class 1 misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>Grand larceny (property valued at \$1,000 or more)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One to 20 years in prison or up to 12 months in jail, up to \$2,500 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>License suspension for theft of motor vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First offense: 60 days to 6 months</li> <li>Subsequent offense: 60 days to 1 year</li> </ul>

A person stealing a car may also be subject to other penalties, such as unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of stolen goods.

## Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident

Each of the states we surveyed punishes leaving the scene after causing an accident with a motor vehicle, and each requires a driver to provide certain information and render assistance at the scene. Penalties in each state vary based on whether the accident caused property damage or injured or killed a person, and some states provide higher penalties for subsequent convictions. Table 2 below displays the penalties for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident in Connecticut and northeastern and select other states.

**Table 2: Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident in Connecticut and Northeastern and Select Other States**

State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>Connecticut</b>  <a href="#">CGS §§ 14-224 &amp; 14-111</a></p>	<p>If accident causes only property damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: up to 364 days in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both (class A misdemeanor), and a driver’s license suspension of at least 90 days (a youthful offender’s driver’s license is suspended for six months)</li> <li>• Subsequent offense: up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both (class D felony), and a driver’s license suspension for at least one year (a youthful offender’s driver’s license is suspended for one year)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes physical injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both (class D felony), and a driver’s license suspension for at least 90 days for a first offense and at least one year for a subsequent offense (a youthful offender’s driver’s license is suspended for six months for a first offense and one year for a subsequent offense)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious injury or death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both (class B felony), and a driver’s license suspension for one year for a first offense and at least two years for a subsequent offense</li> </ul>

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State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>Colorado</b>  <a href="#">Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 42-4-1601, 42-4-1602, 42-4-1604, 42-4-1701, 18-1.3-401</a> &amp; <a href="#">42-2-125</a></p>	<p>If accident causes only damage to a vehicle or property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 to 90 days in prison, \$150 to \$300 fine, or both (class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes an injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days to 1 year in prison, \$300 to \$1,000 fine, or both (class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious bodily injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two to six years in prison with three years parole, \$2,000 to \$500,000 fine, or both (class 4 felony)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four to 12 years in prison with three years parole, \$3,000 to \$750,000 fine, or both (class 3 felony)</li> </ul> <p>For offenses involving physical injury or death, at least one-year driver’s license suspension</p>
<p><b>Illinois</b>  <a href="#">Ill. Rev. Stat. 625 ILCS 5/11-401 et seq.</a> &amp; <a href="#">730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-5 et seq.</a></p>	<p>If accident causes only damage to a vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than one year in prison, \$75 to \$2,500 fine, or both (class A misdemeanor)</li> <li>• Driver’s license revoked if damage is over \$1,000</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes personal injury or death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to three years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (Class 4 felony)</li> <li>• Driver’s license revoked</li> </ul> <p>Failing to file police report after failing to stop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three to seven years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both (class 2 felony)</li> <li>• Four to 15 years in prison, \$75 to \$25,000 fine, or both if death results (class 1 felony)</li> <li>• Driver’s license revoked</li> </ul>



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State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>Maine</b>  <a href="#">Me. Rev. Stat. Title 29-A §§ 2252, 2253 &amp; 2418; Title 17-A §§ 1604 &amp; 1704</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to a vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to six months in prison, up to \$1,000 fine, or both (class E crime)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes personal injury or death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than one year in prison, up to \$2,000 fine, or both (class D crime)</li> </ul> <p>Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly failing to stop and accident causes serious injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to five years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, or both (class C crime)</li> </ul> <p>For all offenses, 60-day license suspension may be imposed</p>
<p><b>Massachusetts</b>  <a href="#">Mass. Gen. L. Chapter 90, § 24(2)(a), (a1/2) &amp; (3)(c)</a></p>	<p>Colliding with or causing damage to another vehicle or property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two weeks to two years in prison, \$20 to \$200 fine, and a driver's license suspension of 60 days for a first offense or one year for a subsequent offense within three years</li> </ul> <p>Colliding with person or causing personal injury other than death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Six months to two years in prison, \$500 to \$1,000 fine, and a driver's license suspension of one year for a first offense or two years for a subsequent offense</li> </ul> <p>Leaving scene to avoid prosecution or evade apprehension after accident that causes a death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5 to 10 years in prison or 1 to 2.5 years in jail (a minimum one-year sentence and limited probation, parole, and furlough), \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, and a driver's license suspension of three years for a first offense or 10 years for a subsequent offense</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Hampshire</b>  <a href="#">N.H. Rev. Stat. §§ 264:25, 264:29 &amp; 651:2</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misdemeanor with unspecified penalty</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes a death or personal injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to seven years in prison, up to \$4,000 fine, or both (class B felony)</li> </ul>

**Table 2 (continued)**

State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>New Jersey</b>  <a href="#">N.J. Rev. Stat. § 39:4-129</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: up to 30 days in prison, \$200 to \$400 fine, and driver's license suspension for six months</li> <li>• Subsequent offense: 30 to 90 days in prison, \$400 to \$600 fine, and driver's license suspension for one year</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes injury or death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 180 days in prison, \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine, and a one-year driver's license suspension for a first offense or permanent forfeiture of license for a subsequent offense</li> </ul>
<p><b>New York</b>  <a href="#">Vehicle and Traffic Law §§ 600 &amp; 510;</a>  <a href="#">Penal Law §§ 70 &amp; 70.15</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 15 days in prison, up to \$250 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes physical injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: up to 364 days in prison, \$750 to \$1,000 fine, or both (class A misdemeanor)</li> <li>• Subsequent offense: one to four years in prison, \$1,000 to \$3,000 fine, or both (class E felony)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to four years in prison, \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, or both (class E felony)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to seven years in prison, \$2,000 to \$5,000 fine, or both (class D felony)</li> </ul> <p>When accident causes an injury, driver's license is revoked for at least six months</p>
<p><b>Rhode Island</b>  <a href="#">R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 31-26-1 &amp; 31-26-2</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to six months in prison, \$500 to \$1,000 fine, driver's license revoked for up to six months, or any combination of these penalties</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes physical injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to five years in prison, up to \$5,000 fine, and driver's license revoked for one to five years</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious bodily injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: 1 to 10 years in prison, \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, and driver's license revoked for up to two years</li> <li>• Subsequent offense within five years: 2 to 15 years in prison, \$3,000 to \$10,000 fine, and driver's license revoked for up to four years</li> </ul>

**Table 2 (continued)**

State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>Rhode Island</b> (continued)</p>	<p>If accident causes death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First offense: 2 to 15 years in prison, \$5,000 to \$10,000 fine, and driver's license revoked for three years</li> <li>• Subsequent offense within five years: 5 to 20 years in prison, \$10,000 to \$20,000 fine, and driver's license revoked for five years</li> </ul>
<p><b>Texas</b> <a href="#">TX Trans Code §§ 550.021 &amp; 550.022;</a> <a href="#">Penal Code §§ 12.21 to 12.35</a></p>	<p>If accident causes damage to vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If damage is under \$200, up to \$500 fine (class C misdemeanor)</li> <li>• If damage is at least \$200, up to 180 days in prison, up to \$2,000 fine, or both (class B misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to five years in prison or one year in jail, up to \$5,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious bodily injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two to 10 years in prison, up to \$10,000 fine, or both (3rd degree felony)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two to 20 years in prison, up to \$10,000 fine, or both (2nd degree felony)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vermont</b> <a href="#">Vt. Stat. Title 23 §§ 1128 &amp; 2506</a></p>	<p>If accident causes property damage or physical injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to two years in prison, up to \$2,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes serious bodily injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to five years in prison, up to \$3,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 15 years in prison, up to \$3,000 fine, or both</li> </ul> <p>Driver's license suspension for any first offense is 30 days, 90 days for a second offense, and six months for a subsequent offense (unless accumulated points for violations requires a longer term), and an additional one-year suspension if a fatality occurred</p>

**Table 2 (continued)**

State	Penalties for Leaving the Scene of an Accident
<p><b>Virginia</b>  <a href="#">VA Code §§ 46.2-894, 46.2-901, 46.2-389, 46.2-394, 18.2-10 &amp; 18.2-11</a></p>	<p>If accident causes up to \$1,000 property damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 12 months in prison, up to \$2,500 fine, or both (class 1 misdemeanor)</li> </ul> <p>If accident causes injury or death or more than \$1,000 property damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to 10 years in prison or up to 12 months in jail, up to \$2,500 fine, or both (class 5 felony)</li> </ul> <p>Driver’s license suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to six months if only property damage over \$500</li> <li>• One year if death or injury to person</li> <li>• Five years if four convictions of this or certain other crimes</li> </ul>

Depending on the circumstances, a driver involved in an accident could also be charged with other crimes. For example, in Connecticut, a driver might also commit misconduct with a motor vehicle ([CGS § 53a-57](#)), assault ([CGS § 53a-59 et seq.](#)), manslaughter ([CGS § 53a-55 et seq.](#)), or murder ([CGS § 53a-54a](#)).

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