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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 2025-R-0048.

Summary

This report lists all of the crimes contained in the Penal Code. It includes all changes from the 2025 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 CGS § 53a-36a). 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)	• First offense: 25 years • Subsequent offense: 50 years
Class A Felonies (10 to 25 years)	Assault of a pregnant woman resulting in termination of pregnancy (53a-59c)	10 years*
	Sexual assault 1st 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)	• 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 1st degree (victim under age 16) (53a-70a)	• 10 years • 20 years if force is used or threatened
	Commercial sexual abuse of a minor (victim under age 15) (53a-83b)	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1st degree (53a-92)	10 years*
	Kidnapping 1st degree with a firearm (53a-92a)	10 years*
	Home invasion (53a-100aa)	10 years
	Arson 1st degree (53a-111)	No mandatory minimum (pursuant to *State* v. *O'Neill,* 200 Conn. 268 (1986))
	Trafficking in persons (53a-192a)	10 years*

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Felonies (10 to 25 years) (continued)	Employing a minor in an obscene performance (53a-196a)	10 years
Class B Felony — Manslaughter 1st degree with a firearm (5 to 40 years)	Manslaughter 1st degree with a firearm (53a-55a)	Five years
Class B Felonies (1 to 20 years)	Manslaughter 1st degree (53a-55)	
	Assault 1st degree (53a-59)	• 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 1st degree (53a-59a)	Five years
	Assault of Department of Correction employee 1st degree (53a-59b)	
	Sexual assault 1st degree (except when a class A felony — see above) (53a-70)	• 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 1st degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-70a)	• Five years • 10-year term required but non-mandatory portion can be suspended
	Sexual assault 2nd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3rd degree with a firearm (victim under age 16) (53a-72b)	• Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class B Felonies (1 to 20 years) (continued)	Commercial sexual abuse of a minor (victim age 15 through 17) (53a-83b)	
	Promoting prostitution 1st degree (53a-86)	Nine months if the victim is under age 18
	Enticing a minor (victim under age 13 or third or subsequent offense with victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	When victim under age 13: • First offense: five years • Subsequent offense: 10 years
	Kidnapping 2nd degree (53a-94)	Three years
	Kidnapping 2nd degree with a firearm (53a-94a)	Three years
	Burglary 1st degree (53a-101)	Five years when armed with explosive, deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument
	Arson 2nd degree (53a-112)	
	Larceny of a motor vehicle (third or subsequent offense) (53a-119c)	
	Larceny 1st degree (53a-122)	
	Telephone fraud 1st degree (53a-125c)	
	Identity theft 1st degree (53a-129b)	
	Robbery 1st 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)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class B Felonies (1 to 20 years) (continued)	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 sexual abuse material (53a-196c)	Five years
	Possessing child sexual abuse material 1st degree (53a-196d)	Five years
	Computer crime 1st degree (53a-252)	
	Money laundering 1st degree (53a-276)	
	Vendor fraud 1st degree (53a-291)	
	Computer crime in furtherance of terrorist purposes (53a-301)	When directed toward public safety agency: five years
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years)	Manslaughter 2nd degree (53a-56)	
	Manslaughter 2nd degree with a firearm (53a-56a)	One year
	Manslaughter 2nd degree with a motor vehicle while under the influence (53a-56b)	
	Assault 2nd degree (resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60)	
	Assault 2nd degree with a firearm (resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60a)	One year

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years) (continued)	Threatening 1st 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 1st degree (53a-64aa)	
	Sexual assault 2nd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-71)	Nine months
	Sexual assault 3rd degree (victim under age 16) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 3rd degree with a firearm (victim age 16 or older) (53a-72b)	• Two years • Combined prison and special parole term of 10 years
	Promoting prostitution 2nd degree (53a-87)	
	Enticing a minor (second offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Misrepresentation of age to entice a minor (53a-90b)	
	Burglary 2nd degree (53a-102)	
	Burglary 2nd degree with a firearm (53a-102a)	One year
	Arson 3rd degree (53a-113)	
	Larceny 2nd degree (53a-123)	
	Telephone fraud 2nd degree (53a-125d)	
	Criminal trover 1st degree (second and subsequent offenses) (53a-126a)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years) (continued)	Identity theft 2nd degree (53a-129c)	
	Robbery 2nd degree (53a-135)	
	Forgery 1st 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 1st degree (53a-165aa)	Five years
	Hindering prosecution 2nd 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 1st degree (53a-169)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years) (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 1st 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 1st degree (53a-181j)	
	Voyeurism (any subsequent offense or a first offense if the perpetrator has certain prior convictions or the crime involves a victim under age 16) (53a-189a, as amended by PA 25-91, § 28)	
	Possessing child sexual abuse material 2nd degree (53a-196e)	Two years

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years) (continued)	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)	Two years and one day
	Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver (53a-217c)	Two years
	Interference with a cemetery or burial ground (53a-218)	
	Violate conditions of release 1st 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)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Felonies (1 to 10 years) (continued)	Computer crime 2nd degree (53a-253)	
	Money laundering 2nd degree (53a-277)	
	Vendor fraud 2nd 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 1st 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 2nd degree (not resulting in serious physical injury) (53a-60)	
	Assault 2nd 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 2nd degree (53a-60b, as amended by PA 25-39, § 24)	Two years
	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disability 2nd degree with a firearm (53a-60c)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or person with intellectual disability 2nd degree with a firearm (53a-60c)	Three years
	Assault 2nd degree with a motor vehicle while under the influence (53a-60d)	
	Threatening 1st degree (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-61aa)	
	Threatening 2nd degree of a person in a school or day care, house of religious worship, or religiously-affiliated community center (53a-62)	
	Strangulation or suffocation 2nd degree (53a-64bb)	
	Sexual assault 3rd degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-72a)	
	Sexual assault 4th degree (victim under age 16) (53a-73a)	
	Promoting prostitution 3rd degree (53a-88)	
	Enticing a minor (first offense, victim age 13 or older) (53a-90a)	
	Unlawful restraint 1st degree (53a-95)	
	Custodial interference 1st degree (53a-97)	
	Substitution of children (53a-99)	
	Burglary 3rd degree (53a-103)	
	Burglary 3rd degree with a firearm (53a-103a)	One year

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Reckless burning (53a-114)	
	Criminal mischief 1st degree (53a-115)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 1st degree (53a-117e)	
	Damage to railroad property 1st degree (53a-117k)	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (second and subsequent offenses) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny of a motor vehicle (second offense) (53a-119c)	
	Larceny 3rd degree (53a-124)	
	Telephone fraud 3rd degree (53a-125e)	
	Criminal trover 1st degree (first 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)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Certain credit and debit card crimes (53a-128i(b)) (See 53a-128c to 128f)	
	Identity theft 3rd degree (53a-129d)	
	Trafficking in personal identifying information (53a-129e)	
	Impersonation of a police officer (53a-130a)	
	Robbery 3rd degree (53a-136)	
	Forgery 2nd degree (53a-139)	
	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)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Receiving kickbacks (53a-161c)	
	Paying a kickback (53a-161d)	
	Rigging (53a-162)	
	Hindering prosecution 3rd degree (53a-167)	
	Interfering with an officer (which causes death or serious physical injury of another person) (53a-167a)	
	Abuse of an oath document (53a-167f)	
	Escape 2nd degree (53a-170)	
	Failure to appear 1st degree (53a-172)	
	Conveying unauthorized items into correctional or humane institution (53a-174(a))	
	Criminal advocacy (53a-179)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 1st 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 1st degree (53a-180aa)	
	Stalking 1st degree (53a-181c)	
	Electronic stalking (53a-181f)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Intimidation based on bigotry or bias 2nd degree (53a-181k)	
	Harassment 1st degree (53a-182b)	
	Eavesdropping (53a-189)	
	Voyeurism (first offense, when victim is at least age 16 and perpetrator does not have certain prior convictions) (53a-189a, as amended by PA 25-91, § 28)	
	Disseminating voyeuristic material (53a-189b)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (when disseminating images to multiple people by certain electronic means) (53a-189c)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created image (when disseminating image to multiple people by certain electronic means, and the person acquired or created the image, or had it created, with intent to harm the person being depicted) (PA 25-168, § 261, codified at 53a-189d)	
	Bigamy (53a-190)	
	Incest (53a-191)	
	Coercion (when the threat is to commit a felony) (53a-192)	
	Obscenity as to minors (53a-196)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	Possessing child sexual abuse material 3rd degree (53a-196f)	One year
	Possession of sawed-off shotgun or silencer (53a-211)	
	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 1st 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 1st degree (except when a class C felony — see above) (53a-222)	
	Violate conditions of release 2nd degree by restraining a person's liberty or threatening, harassing, assaulting, or sexually assaulting a person (53a-222a)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Felonies (up to five years) (continued)	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) (53a-225)	
	Computer crime 3rd degree (53a-254)	
	Money laundering 3rd degree (53a-278)	
	Vendor fraud 3rd degree (53a-293)	
	Abuse of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with intellectual disability 2nd degree (53a-322)	
Class E Felonies (up to three years)	Larceny of a motor vehicle (first offense) (53a-119c)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 2nd 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 3rd degree (53a-181*l*)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class E Felonies (up to three years) (continued)	Computer extortion by use of ransomware (53a-262)	
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**)	Criminally negligent homicide (53a-58)	
	Assault 3rd 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 3rd degree (53a-61a)	364 days**
	Threatening 2nd degree (except when a class D felony — see above) (53a-62)	
	Reckless endangerment 1st degree (53a-63)	
	Strangulation or suffocation 3rd degree (53a-64cc)	
	Sexual assault 4th degree (victim age 16 or older) (53a-73a)	
	Sexual assault of an animal (53a-73b)	
	Prostitution (53a-82)	
	Soliciting sexual acts (53a-83)	
	Permitting prostitution (53a-89)	
	Unlawful restraint 2nd degree (53a-96)	
	Custodial interference 2nd degree (53a-98)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**) (continued)	Manufacturing or possession of burglar's tools (53a-106)	
	Criminal trespass 1st degree (53a-107)	
	Criminal mischief 2nd degree (53a-116)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 2nd degree (53a-117f)	
	Damage to railroad property 2nd degree (53a-117*l*)	
	Using a motor vehicle or vessel without the owner's permission or interfering or tampering with a motor vehicle (first offense) (53a-119b)	
	Larceny 4th degree (53a-125)	
	Telephone fraud 4th degree (53a-125f)	
	Criminal trover 2nd 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)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**) (continued)	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)	
	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 or firefighter (53a-167b)	
	Escape from custody (other than by person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony) (53a-171)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**) (continued)	Aiding escape from hospital or sanitarium (53a-171a)	
	Failure to appear 2nd degree (second and subsequent offenses) (53a-173, as amended by PA 25-29, § 3)	
	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 1st degree (53a-175)	
	Inciting to riot (53a-178)	
	Falsely reporting an incident 2nd 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 2nd degree (53a-181d)	
	Interfering with an emergency call (53a-183b)	
	Disrupting a funeral (53a-183c)	
	Tampering with private communications (53a-188)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**) (continued)	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (except when a class D felony — see above) (53a-189c)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created image (when disseminating image to one person, and the offender acquired or created the image, or had it created, with intent to harm the person being depicted) (PA 25-168, § 261, codified at 53a-189d)	
	Coercion (other than when the threat is to commit a felony) (53a-192)	
	Possessing or transmitting child sexual abuse material by minor (sexting) (53a-196h)	
	Harmful communication with a minor (53a-196j)	
	Criminal possession of body armor (53a-217d)	
	Negligent hunting 2nd 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 2nd 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) (53a-225)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class A Misdemeanors (up to 364 days**) (continued)	Computer crime 4th degree (53a-255)	
	Money laundering 4th degree (53a-279)	
	Vendor fraud 4th degree (53a-294)	
	Abuse of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or person with intellectual disability 3rd degree (53a-323)	
Class B Misdemeanors (up to six months)	Reckless endangerment 2nd degree (53a-64)	
	Criminal trespass 2nd degree (53a-108)	
	Criminal trespass 3rd degree (poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 3rd degree (53a-117)	
	Criminal damage to landlord's property 3rd degree (53a-117g)	
	Damage to railroad property 3rd degree (53a-117m)	
	Larceny 5th degree (53a-125a)	
	Telephone fraud 5th 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 3rd degree (53a-140)	
	Unlawfully using slugs 1st degree (53a-144)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class B Misdemeanors (up to six months) (continued)	Riot 2nd degree (53a-176)	
	Unlawful assembly (53a-177)	
	Misuse of 9-1-1 system (except when a class A misdemeanor — see above) (53a-180d)	
	Breach of peace 2nd degree (53a-181)	
	Stalking 3rd degree (53a-181e)	
	Public indecency (53a-186)	
	Obscenity (53a-194)	
	Negligent hunting 3rd degree (53a-217e(d))	
	Computer crime 5th degree (53a-256)	
	Vendor fraud 5th degree (53a-295)	
Class C Misdemeanors (up to three months)	Criminal trespass 3rd degree (except for poaching) (53a-109)	
	Criminal mischief 4th degree (53a-117a)	
	Larceny 6th degree (53a-125b)	
	Telephone fraud 6th degree (53a-125h)	
	Issuing a bad check ($500 or less) (53a-128)	
	Unlawfully using slugs 2nd degree (53a-145)	
	Disorderly conduct (53a-182)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class C Misdemeanors (up to three months) (continued)	Obstructing free passage (53a-182a)	
	Harassment 2nd degree (53a-183)	
	Obstructing or interfering with the lawful taking of wildlife (53a-183a)	
	Loitering in or about school grounds (53a-185)	
	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created image (when disseminating images to multiple people by certain electronic means, except when a class D felony — see above) (PA 25-168, § 261, codified at 53a-189d)	
	Drinking while operating a motor vehicle (53a-213)	
	Using cannabis while operating a motor vehicle (53a-213a, as amended by PA 25-19, § 7)	
	Criminal lockout (53a-214, as amended by PA 25-44, § 10)	
	Negligent hunting 4th degree (53a-217e(e))	
	Vendor fraud 6th degree (53a-296)	
Class D Misdemeanors (up to 30 days)	Failure to appear 2nd degree (first offense) (53a-173, as amended by PA 25-29, § 3)	

Table 1 (continued)

Classification (Penalty)	Crime (CGS §)	Mandatory Minimum Sentence (If Applicable)
Class D Misdemeanors (up to 30 days) (continued)	Unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created image (when disseminating image to one person, except when a class A misdemeanor — see above) (PA 25-168, § 261, codified at 53a-189d)	
	Using cannabis while a passenger in a motor vehicle (53a-213b, as amended by PA 25-19, § 8)	
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 (*State* v. *Dupree*, 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 (as amended by PA 25-91, § 27) 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.
**CGS § 53a-36a reduces 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) & (n)) and mandatory probation for animal cruelty (CGS § 53a-29(f), as amended by PA 25-91, § 27). (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), as amended by PA 25-91, § 27)	10 to 35 years' probation, in addition to imprisonment
Persistent dangerous felony offenders (53a-40(a) & (i))	• 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 4th degree larceny, a class A misdemeanor (the underlying larceny offenses are all misdemeanors)
Persistent felony offenders (53a-40(g) & (o))	Sentence of imprisonment for the next more serious degree of felony with a three-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: • up to 10 years for a felony • up to one year for a misdemeanor

Table 2 (continued)

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