

Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy



Crimes of Violence (COV) – CR, § 14-101*

Violent Crimes (VC) – CS, § 7-101†

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This table lists crimes of violence and violent crimes defined by CR, § 14-101 and CS, § 7-101, respectively, as both types of offenses are relevant to completing the sentencing guidelines worksheet:

* A worksheet shall be submitted for a reconsideration, modification, or three-judge panel review for a crime of violence, as defined in CR, § 14-101, if there is an adjustment to the defendant’s active sentence (i.e., period of incarceration). COMAR 14.22.01.02 (9).

† The court shall state in open court the minimum time the defendant must serve before becoming eligible for parole and mandatory supervision for violent crimes, as defined in CS, § 7-101. CP, § 6-217. The individual completing the sentencing guidelines worksheet shall indicate whether the court announced the mandatory serving of 50% of the sentence for violent crimes. Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual, Ch. 12.8.

COV* VC†	OFFENSE	SOURCE	TYPE	LEVEL	CAT	MAX	MIN
*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse—physical, 1st degree</i>	CR, §3-601(b)(2)(i)	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse—physical, 1st degree with death, victim at least 13 years old</i>	CR, §3-601(b)(2)(ii)	Person	Felony	II	40Y	
*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse—physical, 1st degree with death, victim younger than 13 years old</i>	CR, §3-601(b)(2)(iii)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	
*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse—physical, previous conviction for child abuse (under certain conditions as defined in CR, § 14-101)</i>	CR, §3-601(c)(1)	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse—physical, with death, previous conviction for child abuse (under certain conditions as defined in CR, § 14-101)</i>	CR, §3-601(c)(2)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	

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*†	Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct <i>Child Abuse, sexual (under certain conditions as defined in CR, § 14-101)</i>	CR, §3-602(b)	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Arson and Burning <i>Arson, dwelling or occupied structure (Arson, 1st degree)</i>	CR, §6-102(a)	Person ¹	Felony	III	30Y	
*†	Assault and Other Bodily Woundings <i>Assault, 1st degree</i>	CR, §3-202	Person	Felony	III	25Y	
*†	Assault and Other Bodily Woundings <i>Assault by inmate on employee or other inmate of State, local, or sheriff's office correctional facility, 1st degree</i>	CR, §3-210	Person	Felony	III	25Y	
†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Burglary, 1st degree</i>	CR, §6-202(c)	Property	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Home invasion</i>	CR, §6-202(d)	Person	Felony	III	25Y	
†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Burglary, 2nd degree</i>	CR, §6-203(c)(1)	Property	Felony	IV	15Y	
†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Burglary, 2nd degree, steal or take firearm</i>	CR, §6-203(c)(2)	Property	Felony	IV	20Y	
†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Burglary, 3rd degree</i>	CR, §6-204	Property	Felony	IV	10Y	
†	Burglary and Related Crimes <i>Burglary, with explosives</i>	CR, §6-207	Property	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Human Trafficking <i>Sex trafficking, felony</i>	CR, §3-1102(c)(2)	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Human Trafficking <i>Forced marriage</i>	CR, §3-1103	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Kidnapping and Related Crimes <i>Kidnapping, generally</i>	CR, §3-502(a)	Person	Felony	II	30Y	
*†	Kidnapping and Related Crimes <i>Abduction, child younger than 12 years old</i>	CR, §3-503(a)(1)	Person	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Kidnapping and Related Crimes <i>Kidnapping, child younger than 16 years old</i>	CR, §3-503(a)(2)	Person	Felony	II	30Y	

¹ Offense type changed from property to person, effective October 1, 2022.

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*†	Manslaughter and Related Crimes <i>Manslaughter, voluntary</i>	CR, §2-207	Person	Felony	IV	10Y	
*†	Murder <i>1st degree generally</i>	CR, §2-201	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	LIFE
*†	Murder <i>1st degree during rape, etc.</i>	Common law; CR, §2-201	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	LIFE
*†	Murder <i>1st degree perpetration of arson</i>	Common law; CR, §2-201	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	LIFE
*†	Murder <i>1st degree burning barn, tobacco house, etc.</i>	Common law; CR, §2-201	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	LIFE
*†	Murder <i>1st degree, attempted</i>	CR, §2-205	Person	Felony	II	LIFE	
*†	Murder <i>2nd degree</i>	CR, §2-204	Person	Felony	II	40Y	
*†	Murder <i>2nd degree, attempted</i>	CR, §2-206	Person	Felony	III	30Y	
*†	Prostitution and Related Crimes <i>Abduction—Persuade, entice, secrete, or harbor individual younger than 16 years old for the purpose of committing a sexual crime</i>	CR, §11-305	Person	Felony	II	25Y	
*†	Robbery <i>Carjacking, unarmed</i>	CR, §3-405(b)	Person	Felony	III	30Y	
*†	Robbery <i>Carjacking, armed</i>	CR, §3-405(c)	Person	Felony	II	30Y	
*†	Robbery <i>Robbery</i>	CR, §3-402	Person	Felony	IV	15Y	
*†	Robbery <i>Robbery with a dangerous weapon</i>	CR, §3-403(a)(1)	Person	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Robbery <i>Robbery by display of written instrument claiming possession of dangerous weapon</i>	CR, §3-403(a)(2)	Person	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 1st degree</i>	CR, §3-303(d)(1)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 1st degree, in conjunction with kidnapping child younger than 16 years old</i>	CR, §3-303(d)(2)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	

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*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 1st degree, subsequent</i>	CR, §3-303(d)(3)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 1st degree, adult offender with victim younger than 13 years old</i>	CR, §3-303(d)(4)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	25Y
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Attempted Rape, 1st degree</i>	CR, §3-309(a)	Person	Felony	II	LIFE	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 2nd degree</i>	CR, §3-304(c)(1)	Person	Felony	II	20Y	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Rape, 2nd degree, adult offender with victim younger than 13 years old</i>	CR, §3-304(c)(2)	Person	Felony	II	LIFE	15Y
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Attempted Rape, 2nd degree</i>	CR, §3-310(a)	Person	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 1st degree (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-305(d)(1)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 1st degree, in conjunction with kidnapping child younger than 16 years old (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-305(d)(2)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 1st degree, subsequent (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-305(d)(3)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 1st degree, adult offender with victim younger than 13 years old (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-305(d)(4)	Person	Felony	I	LIFE without Parole	25Y
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Attempted Sexual Offense, 1st degree (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-311(a)	Person	Felony	II	LIFE	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 2nd degree (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-306(c)(1)	Person	Felony	II	20Y	

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*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Sex Offense, 2nd degree, adult offender with victim younger than 13 years old (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-306(c)(2)	Person	Felony	II	LIFE	15Y
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Attempted Sexual Offense, 2nd degree (offense date prior to October 1, 2017)</i>	CR, §3-312(a)	Person	Felony	III	20Y	
*†	Sexual Crimes <i>Continuing course of conduct which includes 3 or more acts involving 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree sex offense or 1st or 2nd degree rape over a period of 90 days or more, with a victim younger than 14 years old</i>	CR, §3-315	Person	Felony	II	30Y	
*†	Weapons Crimes, In General <i>Unlawful use of firearm in commission of felony or crime of violence, 1st offense</i>	CR, §4-204(c)(1)	Person	Misd.	III	20Y	5Y
*†	Weapons Crimes, In General <i>Unlawful use of firearm in commission of felony or crime of violence, subsequent</i>	CR, §4-204(c)(2)	Person	Misd.	II	20Y	5Y