

Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy



New Sentencing Guidelines Offenses (2025)

Seriousness categories (CAT) adopted effective November 3, 2025

OFFENSE	SOURCE	LEVEL	MAX	MIN	TYPE	CAT	FINE
Animals, Crimes Against Abuse or neglect of an animal that results in the death of or need to euthanize a domestic animal or livestock	CR, §10-604.1	Misd.	1Y		Property	VII	\$5,000
Arson and Burning Malicious or fraudulent burning resulting in the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter	CR, §6-112	Felony	10Y		Person	IV	
Boating Offenses Failure to immediately stop a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty that results in bodily injury to another person	NR, §8-724(a)(3)(ii)(1)	Misd.	1Y		Person	VII	\$3,000
Boating Offenses Failure to immediately stop a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty that results in the death of another person	NR, §8-724(a)(3)(ii)(2)	Misd.	5Y		Person	V	\$5,000
Boating Offenses Failure to immediately stop a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty when the person knew or reasonably should have known that serious bodily injury to another person might occur and serious bodily injury actually occurred	NR, §8-724(a)(3)(iii)(1)	Felony	5Y		Person	V	\$5,000
Boating Offenses Failure to immediately stop a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty when the person knew or reasonably should have known that the death of another person might occur and death actually occurred	NR, §8-724(a)(3)(iii)(2)	Felony	10Y		Person	IV	\$10,000

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Boating Offenses Failure to render all practical and necessary assistance to persons affected by a vessel collision, accident, or other casualty; failure to provide operator's information	NR, §8-724(b)	Misd.	2M		Person	VII	\$500
CDS and Paraphernalia Prepare, distribute, sell, or expose for sale phenibut product without required disclosures; not recognized by the FDA; adulterated or contaminated with a dangerous substance; or to an individual under the age of 21 years	HG, §21-2F-02(f)	Misd.	90D		Drug	VII	\$5,000
Cemeteries and Funerary Objects, Crimes Involving Committing, or aiding or abetting another to commit, certain destructive acts to human remains with the intent to conceal a crime	CR, §10-405	Felony	5Y		Property	VI	
Telecommunications and Electronics, Crimes Involving Taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point	CR, §7-302(d)(5)	Felony	5Y		Property	V	\$25,000
Theft, Crimes Involving Organized retail theft, at least \$1,500 but less than \$25,000	CR, §7-104.1(c)(1)	Felony	5Y		Property	VI	\$10,000
Theft, Crimes Involving Organized retail theft, at least \$25,000 but less than \$100,000	CR, §7-104.1(c)(2)	Felony	10Y		Property	V	\$15,000
Theft, Crimes Involving Organized retail theft, \$100,000 or greater	CR, §7-104.1(c)(3)	Felony	20Y		Property	III	\$25,000