

Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy



Offenses with Statutorily Mandated Consecutive Sentences

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OFFENSE	SOURCE	TYPE	CAT	MAX	MIN
Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct Commit crime of violence in the presence of a minor	CR, §3-601.1	Person	VI	5Y	
Arson and Burning Malicious or fraudulent burning resulting in the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter	CR, §6-112	Person	IV	10Y	
Assault Weapons Use of assault weapon, rapid fire activator, or magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds in the commission of a felony or crime of violence, subsequent	CR, §4-306(b)(3)	Person	III	20Y	10Y
CDS and Paraphernalia Knowingly violated CR, §5-602 with a mixture of heroin and fentanyl or any analogue of fentanyl; or fentanyl or any analogue of fentanyl	CR, §5-608.1	Drug	IIIC	10Y	
CDS and Paraphernalia Manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled dangerous substances near schools or on school vehicles, 1 st offense	CR, §5-627	Drug	IIIB	20Y	
CDS and Paraphernalia Manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled dangerous substances near schools or on school vehicles, subsequent	CR, §5-627	Drug	IIIC	40Y	MM*=5Y
Criminal Organizations Participate as member of criminal organization in commission of crime; in receipt and use or investment, of proceeds of \$10,000 or more from underlying crime in the acquisition of real property or establishment or operation of any enterprise; in acquisition or maintenance of any interest or control of any enterprise or property through an underlying crime, subsequent	CR, §9-804(f)(1)(i)	Person	One category more serious than most serious underlying offense. If no conviction on underlying offense, category = IV	15Y	

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Criminal Organizations Participate as member of criminal organization in commission of crime—resulting in death of victim	CR, §9-804(f)(1)(ii)	Person	One category more serious than most serious underlying offense. If no conviction on underlying offense, category = III	25Y	
Criminal Organizations Organize, supervise, finance, or manage a criminal organization	CR, §9-805	Person	III	20Y	
Weapons Crimes—In General Unlawful use of firearm in commission of felony or crime of violence, subsequent	CR, §4-204(c)(2)	Person	III	20Y	MM*=5Y
Weapons Crimes—In General Possess, use, wear, carry, or transport a firearm in a drug offense, subsequent	CR, §5-621(c)	Person	III	20Y	MM*=10Y

MM* = Non-suspendable mandatory minimum penalty