

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

The definition of “crimes of violence” is found in the Maryland Annotated Code, Cr. Law Art. § 14-101*. Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Law Article, Section 14-101 provides a list of crimes identified as crimes of violence. In this section, “crime of violence” means: (1) abduction; (2) arson in the first degree; (3) kidnapping; (4) manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter; (5) mayhem; (6) maiming, as previously proscribed under former Article 27, §§ 385 and 386 of the Code; (7) murder; (8) rape; (9) robbery under §3-402 or §3-403 of this article; (10) carjacking; (11) armed carjacking; (12) sexual offense in the first degree; (13) sexual offense in the second degree; (14) use of a firearm in the commission of a felony except possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance under §5-602(2) of this article, or other crime of violence; (15) child abuse in the first degree under §3-601 of this article; [16) Not applicable to youth offenders]; (17) home invasion under §6-202(b) of this article; (18) a felony offense under Title 3, Subtitle 11 of this article; (19) an attempt to commit any of the crimes described in items (1) through (18) of this subsection; (20) continuing course of conduct with a child under §3-315 of this article; (21) assault in the first degree; (22) assault with intent to murder; (23) assault with intent to rape; (24) assault with intent to rob; (25) assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the first degree; and (26) assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the second degree.

**The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy uses the definition found in the Maryland Annotated Code, Correctional Services Article, Section 7-101(m), which defines “violent crimes” as the offenses listed under CR §14-101 and adds burglary 1, 2, and 3. However, Section 7-101(m) pertains only to individuals sentenced in the adult court. DJS used this expanded definition through November 1, 2024. As of November 1, 2024 DJS adopted CR § 14-101 as its official definition of crimes of violence.*