

Categories of Arizona Felonies

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Arizona's criminal code classifies crimes as either felonies or misdemeanors. The punishments that come with felonies and misdemeanors differ in a big way. There are six categories within a felony charge. Depending on the severity of the crime, it may be classified as a class 6 felony, the least severe, or a class 1 felony, which is the most severe.

Class 1 Felony: A class one felony is reserved for the most severe crimes. The punishment that comes with a class one felony can be as much as life in prison or as little as twenty-five years in prison. The death penalty can also be imposed if the crime is serious enough. The death penalty is generally used for first-degree murder cases.

Class 2 Felony: The punishment that comes with class 2 felonies can range from twenty years to life in prison.

Class 3 Felony: Class 3 felonies can carry a sentence of five to twenty years in a state prison.

Class 4 Felony: When someone is convicted of a class 4 felony, he or she may serve two to ten years in prison.

Class 5 Felony: Class 5 felonies carry a prison sentence that ranges from one to ten years.

Class 6 Felony: This is the lowest felony class, which carries a sentence of one to five years in prison.

Depending on the felony conviction and the crime, a fine can also be imposed. The fine could range from as little as \$2,500 to as much as \$100,000.

The amount of time served and the fines imposed can vary greatly depending on whether the person is a first time offender or a repeat offender. The judge can also use his or her discretion when it comes to sentencing and fines.

If you've been convicted of a felony in the state of Arizona, you'll want an experienced [Arizona criminal attorney](#) at your side.

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