

## Consequences of a Criminal Conviction

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While most criminal offenses carry punishments like government fines and imprisonment, there are other types of consequences that defendants can face if convicted. One possible consequence is for the judge to make a “restitution order” in which the offender is ordered to compensate the victim(s) for any monetary losses that resulted from the crime.

In addition, a Judge is able to place an order requiring the defendant to forfeit any personal property used to commit the illegal act. Other possible repercussions of a criminal conviction can include issues with employment, education and personal relationships. Convictions can also cause issues in the future for those interested in voting or holding public office. Furthermore, individuals with a criminal record risk losing and/or obtaining their professional licenses or business licenses.

The worst part about a criminal record is that the offender can receive increasingly severe punishment should they find themselves charged with another crime in the future. In general, second time offenders are not treated with the same leniency compared to first time offenders. Judges and prosecutors in Arizona are much more likely to pursue stricter punishment for a second offense due to the common belief that the defendant did not learn their lesson the first time. As such, it is important to enlist the assistance of an Arizona criminal defense attorney who can keep the focus centered on rehabilitation instead of punishment.

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