



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

GENERAL OFFENCE DESCRIPTIONS

HOMICIDE AND RELATED OFFENCES

Murder

Murder is the unlawful killing of a person.

Other Homicide & related offences

Other homicide and related offences includes the offences of attempted murder, manslaughter and dangerous driving causing death.

ACTS INTENDED TO CAUSE INJURY

Serious Assault Resulting in Injury

A serious assault which results in injury.

Serious Assault Not Resulting in Injury

A serious assault not resulting in injury, for example pointing a firearm at another person or using a weapon in an assault which results in no injury.

Serious assaults can be aggravated based on the circumstances surrounding the offence, for example two or more people committing an assault, a weapon being used, or an assault against a spouse or child.

Common Assault

An assault with no aggravating factors or serious injury.

Assault Police

Assault (including aggravated assault) committed against a police officer acting in the execution of their duty.

Other Acts Intended To Cause Injury

Other acts intended to cause injury includes the offences of stalking, administering illicit drugs or poison and food or drink spiking.

ROBBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES

Aggravated Robbery

Aggravated robbery is a robbery involving the possession/use of a weapon; or the infliction of injury or violence on the person; or robbery committed by two or more people.

Non-Aggravated Robbery

Non-aggravated robbery is robbery that does not involve aggravated circumstances.

Blackmail and Extortion

Blackmail/extortion is the unlawful demanding of money, property or any other benefit by the use of coercive measures.

OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON

Threatening Behaviour

Threatening behaviour is threats to punish or injure a person or property either orally or in writing, for example threats to cause harm.

Dangerous or Negligent Acts

Dangerous or negligent acts are acts that actually or potentially result in injury, for example criminal neglect of children, discharge of firearms or throwing missiles, ill-treatment of persons under care.

Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences

Abduction, harassment and other offences includes offences such as kidnapping, false imprisonment and harassing communications.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Serious Criminal Trespass (Residence)

Entry or attempted entry into a residence without consent and with intent to commit an offence, such as to steal property.

Serious Criminal Trespass (Non Residence)

Entry or attempted entry into a non-residence, for example an office, bank, shop, factory, church or school, without consent and with intent to commit an offence, such as to steal property.

Other unlawful entry with intent.

A person who has entered, or is present on, other premises for an unlawful purpose or without lawful excuse is guilty of an offence.

THEFT AND RELATED OFFENCES

Theft/Illegal Use Of Motor Vehicle

Unlawfully using a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or the person in charge. (N.B. Attempts to steal a motor vehicle, damaging or interfering with a motor vehicle are recorded under Property Damage and Environmental crime).

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Unlawful taking of items from another person's motor vehicle.

Theft from Shop

Theft of goods for sale (shoplifting), but also includes theft from licensed premises, pharmacies, post offices and service stations (excluding fuel).

Receive Or Handle Proceeds Of Crime

Includes receiving, handling or processing money or goods taken or obtained illegally, for example unlawful possession, dishonestly receiving property without the owner's consent and money laundering.

Other Theft

Includes theft of household good, bicycles, electricity, gas or water, petrol drive-offs.

FRAUD, DECEPTION & RELATED OFFENCES

Obtain Benefit by Deception

Obtain benefit by deception includes offences such as fraud offences, identity fraud, pass valueless cheque and credit card scams.

Other Fraud, Deception and Related Offences

This includes offences such as forgery, counterfeiting, embezzlement, misappropriation or stealing by a public servant or a person in a position of trust.

PROPERTY DAMAGE & ENVIRONMENTAL

Property Damage by Fire or Explosion

Wilful and unlawful destruction or damage to property by fire (including bushfires) or explosion. Property includes a building, vessel, bushland and motor vehicle.

Graffiti

Property damage caused by substances, for example paint, texta, posters, plastic, metal compounds.

Other Property Damage and Environmental

Damage other than by fire, explosion or graffiti with the intent to destroy or damage property, for example property damage (vandalism) and illegal interference of a motor vehicle.

Other Property Damage and Environmental (GENS)

A General Expiation Notice issued for noise or air pollution.