



Ohio Revised Code Section 2909.03 Arson.

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(A) No person, by means of fire or explosion, shall knowingly do any of the following:

(1) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm to any property of another without the other person's consent;

(2) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm to any property of the offender or another, with purpose to defraud;

(3) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm to the statehouse or a courthouse, school building, or other building or structure that is owned or controlled by the state, any political subdivision, or any department, agency, or instrumentality of the state or a political subdivision, and that is used for public purposes;

(4) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm, through the offer or the acceptance of an agreement for hire or other consideration, to any property of another without the other person's consent or to any property of the offender or another with purpose to defraud;

(5) Cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm to any park, preserve, wildlands, brush-covered land, cut-over land, forest, timberland, greenlands, woods, or similar real property that is owned or controlled by another person, the state, or a political subdivision without the consent of the other person, the state, or the political subdivision;

(6) With purpose to defraud, cause, or create a substantial risk of, physical harm to any park, preserve, wildlands, brush-covered land, cut-over land, forest, timberland, greenlands, woods, or similar real property that is owned or controlled by the offender, another person, the state, or a political subdivision.

(B)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of arson.



- (2) A violation of division (A)(1) of this section is one of the following:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, a misdemeanor of the first degree;
 - (b) If the value of the property or the amount of the physical harm involved is one thousand dollars or more, a felony of the fourth degree.
- (3) A violation of division (A)(2), (3), (5), or (6) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree.
- (4) A violation of division (A)(4) of this section is a felony of the third degree.