

Definition of Assault

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Washington State Law, per RCW 9A.36, includes among it's crimes: Assault (with four degrees), drive by shootings, reckless endangerment, malicious harassments, custodial assault, assault of a child and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence.

Let's break these down:

There are four degrees, or levels, of Assault with subtle differences between the levels -- which are covered in the chart below:

1st Degree (9A.36.011)	2nd Degree (9A.36.021)	3rd Degree (9A.36.031)	4th Degree (9A.36.041)
With the intention of inflicting great bodily harm:	Circumstances NOT amounting to 1st degree assault:	Circumstances NOT amounting to 1st or second degree assault:	Circumstances NOT amounting to 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree assault or custodial assault.
Assaults another with a firearm or other deadly weapon	Intentionally assaults another and as a result recklessly inflicts substantial bodily harm	With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm accompanied by substantial pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering	
Assaults another by any force or means likely to produce great bodily harm or death	Intentionally and unlawfully causes substantial bodily harm on an unborn child by intentionally inflicting harm on the mother of the child	Assaults a police officer with the intent to resist arrest or assaults a police officer with a projectile stun gun	
Administers, exposes, transmits or causes to be taken by another: poison, HIV or any other destructive or noxious substance	With intent to inflict bodily harm, administers or causes to be taken by another, poison or any other noxious or destructive substance	Assaults a person employed by a transit company, including drivers, while that person is performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault	
Assaults another and inflicts great bodily harm	Assaults another with a deadly weapon	Assaults a school bus driver, or any employee of a school district, while the person is performing his or her official duties at the time of an assault	
	Assaults another by strangulation	With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm accompanied by substantial pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering	

		Assaults a law enforcement office or other employee of a law enforcement agency who was performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault	
		Assaults a nurse, physician or health care provider who was performing his or her nursing or health care duties at the time of the assault.	
	Knowingly inflicts bodily harm which, by design, causes pain or agony as to be equivalent to torture	Assaults a firefighter or other employee ,who was performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault	
CLASS A FELONY	CLASS B FELONY	CLASS C FELONY	GROSS MISDEMEANOR

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