

**707.3 Murder in the second degree.**

1. A person commits murder in the second degree when the person commits murder which is not murder in the first degree.

2. Murder in the second degree is a class “B” felony. However, notwithstanding [section 902.9, subsection 1, paragraph “b”](#), the maximum sentence for a person convicted under [this section](#) shall be a period of confinement of not more than fifty years.

3. For purposes of determining whether a person should register as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of [chapter 692A](#), the fact finder shall make a determination as provided in [section 692A.126](#).

[C51, §2570; R60, §4193; C73, §3850; C97, §4729; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12912; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §690.3; C79, 81, §707.3; [82 Acts, ch 1239, §1](#)]

[2009 Acts, ch 119, §49](#); [2013 Acts, ch 30, §200](#)

Definition of forcible felony, §702.11

Sentencing options excluded, see §907.3