

**707.2 Murder in the first degree.**

1. A person commits murder in the first degree when the person commits murder under any of the following circumstances:

- a. The person willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kills another person.
- b. The person kills another person while participating in a forcible felony.
- c. The person kills another person while escaping or attempting to escape from lawful custody.
- d. The person intentionally kills a peace officer, correctional officer, public employee, or hostage while the person is imprisoned in a correctional institution under the jurisdiction of the Iowa department of corrections, or in a city or county jail.
- e. The person kills a child while committing child endangerment under [section 726.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “b”, or while committing assault under [section 708.1](#) upon the child, and the death occurs under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life.
- f. The person kills another person while participating in an act of terrorism as defined in [section 708A.1](#).

2. Murder in the first degree is a class “A” felony.

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, §2569, 2572; R60, §4192, 4195; C73, §3849, 3852; C97, §4728, 4747, 4796; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12911, 12924, 12961; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §690.2, 692.1, 697.1; C79, 81, §707.2]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §118, 159; 94 Acts, ch 1172, §42; 2002 Acts, ch 1075, §1; 2009 Acts, ch 119, §48; 2013 Acts, ch 30, §199](#)

Referred to in [§331.802, 671A.2, 692A.101, 692A.102, 692A.126, 902.1, 910.3A](#)

Definition of forcible felony, see [§702.11](#)