

**727.12 Failure to assist.**

1. A person who reasonably believes another person is suffering from a risk of serious bodily injury or imminent danger of death shall, if the person is able, attempt to contact local law enforcement or local emergency response authorities, if doing so does not place the person or the other person at risk of serious bodily injury or imminent danger of death. A person shall not be required to contact local law enforcement or emergency response authorities if the person knows or reasonably believes that the other person is not in need of help or assistance.

2. A person who violates [this section](#) without lawful cause commits the following:

a. A simple misdemeanor if the failure to assist results in the other person suffering serious bodily injury.

b. An aggravated misdemeanor if the failure to assist results in the death of the other person.

[2021 Acts, ch 173, §3](#)