

**708.2 Penalties for assault.**

1. A person who commits an assault, as defined in [section 708.1](#), with the intent to inflict a serious injury upon another, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

2. A person who commits an assault, as defined in [section 708.1](#), and who causes bodily injury or mental illness, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

3. A person who commits an assault, as defined in [section 708.1](#), and uses or displays a dangerous weapon in connection with the assault, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. [This subsection](#) does not apply if [section 708.6](#) or [708.8](#) applies.

4. A person who commits a violation of [subsection 3](#) against another person who the person knows or reasonably should know is a pregnant person is guilty of a class “D” felony.

5. A person who commits an assault, as defined in [section 708.1](#), without the intent to inflict serious injury, but who causes serious injury, is guilty of a class “D” felony.

6. A person who commits an assault, as defined in [section 708.1](#), and who uses any object to penetrate the genitalia or anus of another person, is guilty of a class “C” felony.

7. Any other assault, except as otherwise provided, is a simple misdemeanor.

[C51, §2593 – 2595, 2597; R60, §4216 – 4218, 4220; C73, §3874 – 3876, 3878, 3879; C97, §4770 – 4772, 4774, 4775; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12929 – 12935; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §694.1 – 694.7; C79, 81, §708.2; [81 Acts, ch 204, §3](#)]

[87 Acts, ch 154, §8](#); [98 Acts, ch 1026, §1](#); [99 Acts, ch 65, §3](#); [2003 Acts, ch 132, §2](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1072, §2](#); [2023 Acts, ch 23, §1](#)

Referred to in [§232.22](#), [671A.2](#), [692A.102](#), [702.11](#), [708.2A](#), [708.2D](#), [711.3B](#), [901C.3](#), [907.3](#)

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

NEW subsection 4 and former subsections 4 – 6 renumbered as 5 – 7