

716.10 Railroad vandalism.

1. A person commits railroad vandalism when the person does any of the following:

a. Shoots, fires, or otherwise discharges a firearm or other device at a train or train component.

b. Launches, releases, propels, casts, or directs a projectile, missile, or other device at a train or train component.

c. Intentionally throws or drops an object on or onto a train or train component.

d. Intentionally places or drops an object on or onto a railroad track.

e. Without the consent of the railway corporation, takes, removes, defaces, alters, or obscures any of the following:

(1) A railroad signal.

(2) A train control system.

(3) A train dispatching system.

(4) A warning signal.

(5) A highway-railroad grade crossing signal or gate.

(6) A railroad sign, placard, or marker.

f. Without the consent of the railway corporation, removes parts or appurtenances from, damages, impairs, disables, interferes with the operation of, or renders inoperable any of the following:

(1) A railroad signal.

(2) A train control system.

(3) A train dispatching system.

(4) A warning signal.

(5) A highway-railroad grade crossing signal or gate.

(6) A railroad sign, placard, or marker.

g. Without the consent of the railway corporation, taking, removing, disabling, tampering, changing, or altering a part or component of any operating mechanism or safety device of any train or train component.

h. Without the consent of the railway corporation, takes, removes, tampers, changes, alters, or interferes with any of the following:

(1) A railroad roadbed.

(2) A railroad rail.

(3) A railroad tie.

(4) A railroad frog.

(5) A railroad sleeper.

(6) A railroad switch.

(7) A railroad viaduct.

(8) A railroad bridge.

(9) A railroad trestle.

(10) A railroad culvert.

(11) A railroad embankment.

(12) Any other structure or appliance which pertains or is appurtenant to a railroad.

2. a. A person commits railroad vandalism in the first degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in the death of any person. Railroad vandalism in the first 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.

b. A person commits railroad vandalism in the second degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in serious injury to any person. Railroad vandalism in the second degree is a class "B" felony.

c. A person commits railroad vandalism in the third degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in bodily injury to any person or results in property damage which costs more than ten thousand dollars to replace, repair, or restore. Railroad vandalism in the third degree is a class "C" felony.

d. A person commits railroad vandalism in the fourth degree if the person intentionally

commits railroad vandalism which results in property damage which costs ten thousand dollars or less but more than one thousand five hundred dollars to replace, repair, or restore. Railroad vandalism in the fourth degree is a class “D” felony.

e. A person commits railroad vandalism in the fifth degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in property damage which costs more than seven hundred fifty dollars but does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars to replace, repair, or restore. Railroad vandalism in the fifth degree is an aggravated misdemeanor.

f. A person commits railroad vandalism in the sixth degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in property damage which costs more than three hundred dollars but does not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars to replace, repair, or restore. Railroad vandalism in the sixth degree is a serious misdemeanor.

g. A person commits railroad vandalism in the seventh degree if the person intentionally commits railroad vandalism which results in property damage which costs three hundred dollars or less to replace, repair, or restore. Railroad vandalism in the seventh degree is a simple misdemeanor.

3. For purposes of [this section](#):

a. “*Railway corporation*” means a corporation, company, or person owning, leasing, or operating any railroad in whole or in part within the state.

b. “*Train*” means a series of two or more train components which are coupled together in a line.

c. “*Train component*” means any locomotive, engine, tender, railroad car, passenger car, freight car, box car, tank car, hopper car, flatbed, container, work equipment, rail-mounted equipment, or any other railroad rolling stock.

[98 Acts, ch 1067, §4](#); [2013 Acts, ch 30, §251](#); [2013 Acts, ch 90, §196](#); [2019 Acts, ch 140, §23](#)