

726.27 Wanton neglect of a resident of a health care facility.

1. A person commits wanton neglect of a resident of a health care facility when the person knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical or mental welfare of a resident of a health care facility as defined in [section 135C.1](#).

2. A person who commits wanton neglect resulting in serious injury to a resident of a health care facility is guilty of a class “C” felony.

3. A person who commits wanton neglect not resulting in serious injury to a resident of a health care facility is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

[C79, 81, §726.7]

[91 Acts, ch 107, §13](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1132, §8](#)

[C2023, §726.27](#)

Referred to in [§135B.34](#), [135C.33](#), [152.5A](#)