

**702.11 Forcible felony.**

1. A “*forcible felony*” is any felonious child endangerment, assault, murder, sexual abuse, kidnapping, robbery, human trafficking, arson in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), the following offenses are not forcible felonies:

- a. Willful injury in violation of [section 708.4, subsection 2](#).
- b. Sexual abuse in the third degree committed between spouses.
- c. Sexual abuse in violation of [section 709.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “b”, subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (d).
- d. Sexual exploitation by a counselor, therapist, school employee, or adult providing training or instruction in violation of [section 709.15](#).
- e. Child endangerment subject to penalty under [section 726.6, subsection 7](#).
- f. Assault in violation of [section 708.2, subsection 5](#).
- g. Domestic abuse assault in violation of [section 708.2A, subsection 5](#).
- h. Removal of an officer’s communication or control device in violation of [section 708.12, subsection 3](#), paragraph “f”.

[C79, 81, §702.11]

[85 Acts, ch 180, §2](#); [89 Acts, ch 138, §2](#); [91 Acts, ch 130, §1](#); [92 Acts, ch 1163, §117](#); [94 Acts, ch 1023, §69](#); [99 Acts, ch 65, §2](#); [2001 Acts, ch 3, §1](#); [2001 Acts, ch 176, §79](#); [2003 Acts, ch 180, §64](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1151, §2](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1072, §1](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1002, §3](#); [2013 Acts, ch 30, §248](#); [2013 Acts, ch 52, §1](#); [2015 Acts, ch 138, §137, 161, 162](#); [2021 Acts, ch 102, §4](#)

Referred to in [§232.52](#), [256.146](#), [272C.15](#), [670A.1](#), [718.6](#), [723A.1](#), [808B.3](#), [811.1](#), [915.10](#)  
Sentencing options excluded, see [§907.3](#)