

**726.7 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

**726.8 Wanton neglect or nonsupport of a dependent adult.**

1. A caretaker commits wanton neglect of a dependent adult if the caretaker knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, or emotional welfare of a dependent adult. Wanton neglect of a dependent adult is a serious misdemeanor.

2. A person who has legal responsibility either through contract or court order for support of a dependent adult and who fails or refuses to provide support commits nonsupport. Nonsupport is a class "D" felony.

3. A person alleged to have committed wanton neglect or nonsupport of a dependent adult shall be charged with the respective offense unless a charge may be brought based upon a more serious offense, in which case the charge of the more serious offense shall supersede the less serious charge.

4. For the purposes of **this section**, "*dependent adult*" means a dependent adult as defined in **section 235B.2, subsection 4**, and "*caretaker*" means a caretaker as defined in **section 235B.2, subsection 1**.

87 Acts, ch 182, §10