

Civil / Criminal Comparison Grid

Civil §626.5572	Criminal
Death/Serious Injury	Homicide/Assault §609.185-609.224
245C.02 Subd. 18(a) Death or Serious	Criminal cases require intent.
Injury as result of maltreatment	
Includes any action that meets the elements of the crime regardless of a criminal proceeding or conviction.	Criminal assault cases require demonstrable bodily harm OR reasonable fear of immediate bodily harm OR SEE CRIMINAL NEGLECT OR ASSAULT

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Assault	\$ 609.221 to \$ 609.224 Assault in the first through fifth degrees Great Bodily Harm – high probability of death or serious permanent disfigurement, protracted loss, impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or other serious bodily member. OR Weapon used; Substantial bodily harm; Motivated by bias including disability; Acts to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death; Intentionally inflicts or attempt to inflict bodily harm. \$ 609.2242 Domestic Assault Misdemeanor - felony Family or household member commits an assault or commits an act to cause fear of imminent bodily harm or death, or intentionally inflicts, or attempts to inflict, bodily harm. \$ 609.23 Mistreatment of Persons Confined. Owner, operator, or staff of licensed facility intentionally abuse or ill-treats a VA under court commitment or order.

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Assault cont'd.	§ 609.231 Mistreatment of Residents or Patients.
	Owner, operator, or staff of a hospital,
	nursing home, or some other facilities
	licensed by the Department of Health,
	intentionally abuse, ill-treats, or culpably neglects a VA
Biting	§ 609.221 Assault in the first through fifth degrees
	§ 609.2242 Domestic Assault
	Misdemeanor – felony
Burning	§ 609.222 Assault in the Second Degree – Subd. 1 Dangerous Weapon –firearm,
	combustible liquid or other device or
	instrumentality that is likely to produce
	death or great bodily harm or any fire.
	Subd. 2 Dangerous Weapon and
	Substantial Bodily Harm - bodily harm
	which involves a temporary but
	substantial disfigurement or temporary
	but substantial loss or impairment of the
	function of any bodily member or organ or which causes a fracture of any bodily
	member.
	§ 609.2242 Domestic Assault* Misdemeanor - felony
	§ 609.72 Disorderly Conduct Misdemeanor enhanced for caregiver of a vulnerable adult Alarm, anger, disturb others or provoke and assault or breach of the peace.
	and assault of breach of the peace.

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Hitting	§ 609.223 Assault in the Third Degree Subd. 1 Substantial Bodily Harm- bodily harm which involves a temporary but substantial disfigurement or temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or which causes a fracture of any bodily member. § 609.2242 Domestic Assault*
	Misdemeanor - felony
Punching	§ 609.2231 Assault in the Fourth Degree Subd. 8 Vulnerable Adult – Demonstrable (visible) bodily harm (physical pain or injury, illness or any impairment of physical condition) with knowledge the person is a VA. § 609.2242 Domestic Assault* Misdemeanor - felony
Kicking, slapping	§ 609.224 Assault in the Fifth Degree* Subd. 1(1) commits an act with intent to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Subd. 1(2) intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily harm upon another. § 609.2242 Domestic Assault* Misdemeanor - felony
Conduct intended or expected to cause pain	See Assault and Domestic Assault § 609.2325 Criminal Abuse Caregiver with intent to produce physical or mental pain or injury subjects a VA to aversive or deprivation procedure, unreasonable confinement or involuntary seclusion

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Corporal punishment	§ 609.2325 Criminal Abuse*
	§ 121A.58 Corporal Punishment– subdiv.
	1 (1) hitting or spanking with or without an
	object (2) Unreasonable physical force
	that causes bodily harm or substantial
	emotional harm–(See Assault and Domestic Assault)
Unreasonable confinement, involuntary confinement	§ 609.2325 Criminal Abuse*
	§ 609.255 Subd. (2) False Imprisonment -
	Intentional confinement or restraint of
	another without the person's consent
Unauthorized restraint	§ 609.2325 Criminal Abuse*
Forced Separation of the VA from another person	§ 609.2325 Criminal Abuse*
	§ 609.25 Kidnapping – Whoever confines
	or moves from one place to another any
	person without the other's consent for the
	following purposes:
	(1) ransom or as a shield or hostage
	(2) to facilitate a felony or flight after
	(3) to commit great bodily harm or to
	terrorize the victim or another
Han of during to injury on facilitate and a little	(4) to hold in involuntary servitude
Use of drugs to injure or facilitate a crime	§ 609.235 The use of drugs to injure or
	facilitate a crime

Sexual Abuse

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Criminal Sexual Conduct in the first through fifth degrees as defined in sections 609.342 to 609-3451	§ 609.343 to § 609.3451 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the first through fifth degrees
Sexual contact or penetration with a VA who lacks capacity to consent	§ 609.342 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree (c)— sexual penetration if victim has a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to self or another.
	(d) actor is armed with a dangerous weapon and uses it to cause submission (e) actor causes personal injury and (i)uses force or coercion or (ii)actor knows or has reason to know the victim is mentally impaired, incapacitated or physically helpless.
	(f) actor is aided or abetted by one or more accomplices and
	(i)accomplice uses force or coercion
	(ii) accomplice is armed with a dangerous weapons and uses or threatens to cause submission.
Sexual contact or penetration between a VA and service provider or facility staff	§ 609.343 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree— sexual contact if victim has a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to self or another.
	(d) actor is armed with a dangerous weapon and uses it to cause submission (e) actor causes personal injury and (i)uses force or coercion or (ii)actor knows or has reason to know the victim is mentally impaired, incapacitated or physically helpless. (f) actor is aided or abetted by one or more accomplices and

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Unwanted sexual contact	§ 609.344 - Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree — Sexual penetration if: (c) the actor uses force or coercion (d) the actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless or
	(h) the actor is a psychotherapist and the complainant is a patient and the penetration occurred: (i) during therapy session, or (ii) outside the therapy session if ongoing relationship exists or (i) the actor is a psychotherapist and the complainant is a patient and the former patient is emotionally dependent on the therapist or (j) occurred by means of therapeutic deception (l) the actor is or purports to be a member of the clergy and (i) occurred during a meeting in which the victim sought aid, advice or comfort or (ii) occurred during a period of time in which the victim was meeting the actor on an ongoing basis. § 609.345 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the
	Fourth Degree Sexual - contact if: (c) the actor uses force or coercion (d) the actor knows or has reason to know that the
	complainant is mentally impaired, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless or
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Unwanted sexual contact cont'd.	§ 609.3451 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fifth Degree – subdiv. 1(1) nonconsensual sexual contact – not including touching the clothing covering the immediate area of the buttocks, does include removal or an attempted removal of clothing covering intimate parts or undergarments and nonconsensual touching by the complainant of the actor's intimate parts, effected by the actor if performed with sexual or aggressive intent.
Solicitation, inducement or promotion of VA in prostitution.	§609.322 The solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution

Mental or Emotional Abuse

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Repeated or malicious, gestured	§ 609.23 Mistreatment of Persons Confined. Owner, operator, or staff of licensed facility intentionally abuse or ill-treats a VA under court commitment or order. § 609.231 Mistreatment of Residents or Patients. Owner, operator, or staff of a hospital, nursing home, or some other facilities licensed by the Department of Health, intentionally abuse, ill-treats, or culpably neglects a VA
Threatening Humiliating	§ 609.224 Assault in the Fifth Degree* § 609.72 Disorderly Conduct* §609.765 Criminal Defamation
	Subd. 1 Anything which exposes a person to hatred, ridicule, degradation, or disgrace. Subd. 2 Communicating knowingly false and defamatory matters to a third person without consent

Mental or Emotional Abuse

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Derogatory, Disparaging remarks	§ 609.749 Stalking crimes Engaging in conduct which actor knows would cause victim to feel frightened, threatened, oppressed, persecuted, or intimidated, and causes this reaction. Subd. 2 (1) Directly or indirectly intends to injure person, property, or rights of another by committing unlawful act (2) follows, monitors, or pursues another, in person or using technology (3) returns to property of another without consent (4) repeatedly makes phone calls, texts, or induces victim to make phone calls to the actor. Actual conversation not required. (5) causes the telephone of another to repeatedly or continuously ring (6) repeatedly sends mail or messages by any means, including electronically (7) knowingly makes allegations against peace officer concerning officer's performance of official duties with intent to influence of tamper officer's performance of duties
Harassing	§ 609.748 Harassment Subd. (1)(a)(1) Single physical or sexual assault, or repeated instances of unwanted acts, words, or gestures that have or intend to have a substantial adverse effect on the safety, security, or privacy of another, regardless of relationship between actor and intended target (2) targeted residential picketing (3) pattern of attending public events after being notified that actor's presence is harassing to another

Neglect

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Subd. 17 (caregiver) (a) Failure or omission by a caregiver to supply a VA with care or services, including food, clothing, shelter, health care or supervision which is:	§ 609.231 Mistreatment of Residents or Patients. Owner, operator, or staff of a hospital, nursing home, or some other facilities licensed by the Department of Health, intentionally abuse, ill-treats, or culpably neglects a VA § 609.233 Criminal Neglect -Subd. 1. A caregiver or operator who intentionally neglects a vulnerable adult; or knowingly permits conditions to exist that result in the abuse or neglect
(1) Reasonable and necessary to obtain or maintain the VA's physical or mental health or safety, considering the physical and mental capacity or dysfunction of the VA.	Subd. 1(a) Felony Neglect - intentionally depriving a vulnerable adult of necessary food, clothing, shelter, health care, or supervision,
(b) (caregiver or self) The absence of care or services, such as food, clothing, shelter, health care, or supervision, necessary to maintain the physical and mental health of the VA, which a reasonable person would deem essential to maintain the VA's health, safety, or comfort, when considering the physical or mental capacity or dysfunction of the VA.	(1) the caregiver knows the deprivation could likely result in substantial bodily harm or great bodily harm to the vulnerable adult; or (2) the deprivation occurred over an extended period of time.

Financial Exploitation

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Subd. 9 (a) In breach of a fiduciary obligation, a person: (2) fails to use the financial resources of the VA to provide food, clothing, shelter, health care, therapeutic conduct or supervision for the VA and the failure results or is likely to result in detriment to the VA	§609.2335 - Subd. 1 (1) in breach of fiduciary obligation, intentionally: (i) Fails to use VAs the real or personal property or other financial resources to provide food, clothing, shelter, health care, therapeutic conduct, or supervision for the VA
(1) engages in unauthorized expenditure of funds entrusted to the actor by the VA which results or is likely to result in detriment to the VA; or	(ii) Uses, manages, or takes either temporarily or permanently the real or personal property or other financial resources of VA for benefit of someone other than the VA (iii) deprives, temporarily or permanently a VA of the VA's real or personal property other financial resources for benefit of someone other than the VA.
 (b) In the absence of legal authority a person: (3) acquires possession or control of, or an interest in, funds or property of a VA through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud; or 	Subd. 1(2) In the absence of legal authority (i) acquires possession or control of an interest in real or personal property or other financial resources of a VA through the use of undue influence, harassment, or duress
(4) forces, compels, coerces or entices a VA against the VA's will to perform services for the profit or advantage of another.	(ii) forces, compels, coerces, or entices a VA against their will to perform services for the profit or advantage of another; or

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(b)(3) In the absence of legal authority a person: acquires possession or control of, or an interest in, funds or property of a vulnerable adult through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud; or	§ 609.2335 Subd. 1(2) In the absence of legal authority: (iii) establishes a relationship with a fiduciary obligation to a VA by use of undue influence, harassment, duress, force, compulsion, coercion or other enticement.
(1) willfully uses, withholds, or disposes of funds or property of a VA	609.52 <i>Theft</i> Subd. 2(1) Intentionally takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property
(b)(2) In absence of legal authority obtains for the actor or another the performance of services by a third person for the wrongful profit or advantage of the actor or another to the detriment of the vulnerable adult;	609.52 Subd. 2(3) Obtains for the actor or another the possession, custody, or title to property of or performance of services by a third person by intentionally deceiving the third person with a false representation, which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False Representation" includes without limitation: (i) check, draft, or order for payment, knowing actor is not entitled to draw upon the drawee therefor or to order the payment or delivery thereof; or (ii) promise made with intent not to perform (ii)preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement. § 609.2336 Deceptive or Unfair Trade Practices; Elderly or Disabled Victims. Consumer fraud, deceptive trade practices, false advertising directed at more than one senior citizen or disabled person results in loss of income, residence, employment, property, retirement, government benefits, pension, or other assets essential to victim's health or welfare

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Theft of VA's money, possessions, or property	§609.52 Theft
Using undue influence, harassment, deception or fraud to gain ownership or control over VA's money or personal property.	Requires <i>intent</i> to <i>permanently d</i> eprive or manifest indifference to the owner's rights for temporary deprivation. Sentencing is dependent on item stolen and/ or value of item
Stealing VA's medication / Drug Diversion	609.2335 Financial Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult; 609.233 Criminal Neglect; 152.022-152.025 Controlled Substance Crimes
Forces VA to perform services for profit.	609.2335 Financial Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult Subd. 2 (ii)
Acquiring possession or ownership or control of the VA's money or property including vehicle, home, real estate, TV or personal items.	609.2335 Financial Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult Subd. 2 (i)

Failure to Report

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§ 626.557, Subd. 7 - A mandated reporter who <i>intentionally</i> or <i>negligently</i> fails to report is liable for damages caused by the failure.	§ 609.234 - Failure to Report - Subd. 1 - Any mandated reporter who knows or has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult has been mistreated, and who: (1) intentionally fails to make a report; (2) knowingly provides false, deceptive, or misleading information; or (3) intentionally fails to provide all material circumstances surrounding the incident which are known to the reporter Subd. 2 Increased penalty if:
	 (1) the person knows the maltreatment caused or contributed to the death or great bodily harm of a vulnerable adult; and (2) failure to report causes or contributes to death or great bodily harm of a vulnerable adult, or protects the mandated reporter's interests

Retaliation

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§181.932 Disclosure of Information by Employees An employer cannot discharge, discipline, threaten, or penalize an employee because: Subd. (1) the employee in good faith reported a violation to a government or law enforcement official; Subd. (2) the employee is asked by a public office to participate in an investigation; Subd. (3) the employee refuses employer's order to perform an action that employee objectively believes violates a federal or state law; Subd. (4) employee in good faith reports violation of standard of quality of health care services provided by a health care facility, and potentially places the public at risk of harm	§609.748 Harassment*; §609.749 Stalking*
Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA) Minn. Stat. §363A.15 Reprisals It is an unfair discriminatory practice for any individual who participated in alleged discrimination to engage in reprisal of any person because that person (1) opposed a forbidden practice or participated in an investigation of such practice.	
Reprisal includes any form of intimidation, retaliation or harassment. Also includes transferring to a lesser position in wage, hours, job classification or job security, or	§609.748 Harassment*; §609.49 Stalking*; § Coercion, or § 609.275 Attempt to Coerce
Informing another employer that the individual has engaged in these activities.	§609.765 Criminal Defamation*

Data Privacy

Subd. 5(d) Protection for Reporters - The identity of any reporter may not be disclosed

§13.82 Subd. 17(h) - *Protection of Identities* - A Law Enforcement Agency shall withhold public access to data on individuals to protect the identity of individuals, when such access would reveal the name of a mandated reporter.

^{*}Definition of statute is found earlier in the document.