

Utah Theft Charges Defense

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Protect Your Rights and Quality of Life

When it comes to theft, Utah generally ties the punishment to the value of the item that was stolen. Stealing something worth \$100 is obviously less of an issue than stealing something worth \$10,000, after all. However, the categories are broad and even the lowest level of punishment involves up to 6 months of jail time. **That means you really need an attorney to help you face any theft charge.**

Wasatch Defense Attorneys, are interested in helping everyone. Call us today for a free case review and see what how we can help protect you.

Some people think lawyers only take big-shot cases where lots of money is involved, but we have shoplifting attorneys as well as embezzlement ones, petty theft lawyers as well as grand theft auto experts. It's our creed that if you've been charged with petty theft, then you need a petty theft attorney and we'll make sure you get one.

Theft Charges in Utah

Utah's legal code recognizes four broad categories of theft: embezzlement, burglary, robbery, and theft of services. Punishment for all types of theft is the same and is based on the monetary value of what was stolen. From least to greatest, the severity of the crime is as follows:

- Less than \$500 — Class B misdemeanor
- Between \$500 and \$1,499 — Class A misdemeanor
- Between \$1,500 and \$4,999 — third-degree felony
- \$5,000 or more — second-degree felony

If you are convicted for theft, you may also face one or more civil liability suits for reparations. Whether or not you face such a suit will not reduce any potential fines the criminal court orders you to pay.

Here's a quick breakdown of more complicated forms of theft:

Theft – Embezzlement

Embezzlement is a kind of property theft. It happens when a defendant steals property, whether in part or whole, that they were entrusted to manage for their own personal gain. This can occur in a variety of different ways, such as when:

- An employee of a company uses company money for their own benefit.
- A family member takes money from a relative that they are caring for.
- Professionals in charge of maintaining investments steal the money for themselves.

Theft – Burglary

Burglary is defined as unlawfully entering or remaining on private property with the intent to commit theft. There needs to be sufficient proof that the defendant entered or remained inside a home or building illegally with the intent to steal. If nothing was actually stolen, then it's considered attempted burglary. If someone gets injured during the burglary, then it's aggravated burglary.

Theft – Robbery

The difference between burglary and robbery is that burglary involves no violence or threat of violence linked to the theft. Robbery is the act of taking items from another person by force, threat of force, or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm even if no clear threat was made. If, during the robbery, a deadly weapon is used or a person is injured, it's considered an aggravated robbery.

Theft of Services

In Utah, theft of services is defined as obtaining services by deception, threat, or force that a defendant knows are available only in return for compensation. In terms of sentencing, Utah does not differentiate between theft of services and theft of tangible property.

Theft Defense Lawyers

No matter what theft charges you're accused of, our Utah defense attorneys here at Wasatch Defense Attorneys are the skilled experts you need on your side. We are dedicated and caring experts who aggressively defend our clients and their quality of life. Defending yourself in court can be long and stressful. We make it easier by giving you the attention you deserve and the experience you need.

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