

Robbery Charges – Criminal Defense Lawyer, Salt Lake City, UT

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Being convicted of robbery can have a catastrophic impact on your future. If you have been accused of robbery, you are likely to face criminal and civil court processes. The civil penalties alone can ruin your life financially. But, a criminal conviction for this crime can make it difficult to obtain employment or even rent a home. You will need an experienced [Salt Lake City criminal defense lawyer](#) who knows how to make sure all of your rights are protected, build the strongest case for your defense, and fight for your freedom in court.

If you have been arrested for robbery in Utah, contact Wasatch Defense Lawyers for a free legal consultation as soon as possible to review the facts of your case and discuss your options.

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What is Considered Robbery in Utah?

Under [Utah Code 76-6-301](#), a person commits robbery when he or she intentionally or knowingly uses some form of physical force or attempts to instill fear of such force in a victim who is present while the perpetrator is:

- stealing or wrongfully appropriating something or attempting to do so.
- fleeing after committing the above act.

What is Aggravated Robbery?

For a robbery charge to be enhanced to aggravated robbery, during the alleged robbery, the accused person must also allegedly have:

- used or threatened to use a dangerous weapon to harm the robbery victim.
- caused serious physical harm to someone during the robbery or while fleeing the scene.
- attempted to or did take a motor vehicle from someone in the robbery or while fleeing.

A weapon does not actually have to be used for a robbery charge to be enhanced to aggravated robbery. The required evidence for aggravated robbery can be satisfied if the individual only *claimed* to be in possession of a weapon and threatened to use it to harm the victim. For example, if a person has a banana in his/her pocket and claims it is a gun and threatens to use it, that can qualify as an aggravated crime even though a real gun was not used.

Punishments for Bank Robbery Crime in Utah

Robbery: Robbery is a Second Degree Felony in Utah, per Section 76-6-301 of the state criminal code. Conviction carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Aggravated Robbery: Under Utah 76-6-302, aggravated robbery is a First Degree Felony. Conviction carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Bank Robbery Federal Crime

Is a bank robbery a federal crime? Yes, in the 1930s, U.S. law was enacted to make robbery of any national bank or state bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System a federal crime. That means that in addition to state prosecution for a bank robbery crime, you are also subject to being tried on federal charges as well.

Salt Lake City, UT, Robbery Charges Attorney

If you have been charged with robbery or aggravated robbery in Utah, you need the best robbery defense lawyer Salt Lake City UT offers. Wasatch robbery defense attorneys are highly familiar with Utah robbery law and the state criminal court system. We understand the best ways to minimize the severity of the consequences of robbery charges.

For the best robbery defense lawyer in Utah, call Wasatch Defense Lawyers at (801) 845-3241, or contact us here on our website to schedule a free legal consultation.

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