

# Utah Burglary Lawyer

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***Burglary is an unlawful entry offense that also involves theft, property crimes and is accompanied by assault, lewdness, and lewdness involving a child or voyeurism on another person. Utah code §76-6-202 states that a person commits burglary if he or she unlawfully remains in a building with the intent to commit a felony against another person. If you or a family member has been charged with burglary, you need an affordable, qualified Utah burglary lawyer to protect your rights and your reputation. Contact Wasatch Defense Attorneys today for a free, no-obligation consultation at 801-845-3509.***

## Degrees of Penalties for Burglary in Utah

***The state of Utah defines the offense of burglary into two separate categories, depending on the location of the crimes committed. A defendant will be charged with third degree burglary if the offenses were committed in a commercial building. A burglary occurring in a home or residence is charged as a second-degree burglary. The seriousness of the offense will also be taken into consideration when charges are filed.***

- **Third-Degree Felony Burglary**

The offense of third degree burglary is ***unlawful entry of a building or business with intent to commit theft, property damage, and violence*** against another person.

- **Second-Degree Felony Burglary**

Burglary ***committed in a residence, including the intent to commit theft, assault and/or sexual assault against another person*** is considered a second-degree felony in Utah.

# Sentencing for a Burglary Conviction

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When a defendant is convicted of burglary, the judge or jury then considers sentencing parameters for the individual crimes that were committed during the burglary. A number of things are taken into consideration, including:

- If **violence against another person** was involved.
- **The severity of the crimes** committed during the burglary.
- The **value of the stolen property**.
- The **defendant's previous criminal history**.

Penalties for **third-degree felony burglary in Utah may result in fines of up to \$5,000 and a maximum of 5 years in prison. Second-degree felony burglary is punishable by fines of up to \$10,000 and a maximum of 15 years in prison.** When violence is involved, the judge or jury will often order the maximum punishment allowed by law.

## Helpful Legal Terms and Definitions

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- **Defendant** – Someone who has been charged with a crime.
- **Felony** – When a crime is committed with the use of violence or theft.
- **Intent** – Determination to commit an act on purpose.
- **Misdemeanor** – A misdemeanor is more serious than an infraction of the law but is less serious than a felony.
- **Assault** – Inflicting physical harm upon another person.
- **Lewdness** – The act of being sexual in an offensive manner.
- **Lewdness Involving a Child** – The act of being sexually offensive in the presence of a child, or directing sexually offensive acts towards a child.
- **Voyeurism** – Secretly observing individuals undressed or undressing to obtain sexual gratification.

## Choose a Qualified Criminal Defense Attorney

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***If you have been charged with burglary in Utah, it is important to contact a qualified, experienced criminal defense attorney to help you understand your legal rights and ensure the best possible outcome. Wasatch Defense Lawyers have a proven track record and will utilize every resource available to prepare your legal defense. We believe that **everyone deserves a fair trial and our aggressive criminal attorneys will advocate for you if you've been charged with an alleged misdemeanor or felony.** Call us today for a free, no-obligation case review at 801-845-3509.***

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