



## Select Connecticut Mandatory Minimum Laws

**IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not necessarily a complete list. Laws frequently change, and these sentences may no longer be accurate or up to date. Talk with a lawyer in your state if you have questions.**

### Drug Offenses

Code Section	Offense	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
CGS § 21a-267(c)	Use, possession, or delivery of drug paraphernalia near a school by a non-student	1 Year*
CGS § 21a-278(a)	Manufacture or sale of heroin, methadone, cocaine, or crack by a non-dependent person**	5 Years*
CGS § 21a-278(b)	Manufacture or sale of a narcotic, hallucinogen, amphetamine, or at least 1 kilogram of marijuana by a non-dependent person**	5 Years*
CGS § 21a-278(b)	Subsequent offense for manufacture or sale of a narcotic, hallucinogen, amphetamine, or at least 1 kilogram of marijuana by a non-dependent person**	10 Years*
CGS § 21a-278a(a)	Sale of drugs to a minor	2 Years
CGS § 21a-278a(b)	Sale of drugs to a minor near a school, public housing project, or day care center	3 Years*
CGS § 21a-278a(c)	Using a person under the age of 18 to sell drugs	3 Years
CGS § 21a-279(d)	Possessing a narcotic, hallucinogen, or controlled substance near a school or day care center	2 Years*
CGS § 14-227a(g)	Second offense for driving under the influence	120 Days
CGS § 14-227a(g)	Third or subsequent offense for driving under the influence	1 Year

\*The judge may depart from these sentences under limited circumstances using the safety valve established in CGS § 21a-283a.

\*\*Under CGS § 21a-278(a), the judge may suspend the sentence if the person was under the age of 18 at the time of the offense or their mental capacity was significantly impaired.



## Weapons Offenses

Code Section	Offense	Mandatory Minimum Sentence
CGS § 53a-55a	Manslaughter in the first degree with a firearm	5 Years
CGS § 53a-56a	Manslaughter in the second degree with a firearm	1 Year
CGS § 53a-92a	Kidnapping in the first degree with a firearm	1 Year
CGS § 53a-94a	Kidnapping in the second degree with a firearm	3 Years
CGS § 53a-101	Burglary in the first degree with an explosive, deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument	5 Years
CGS § 53a-102a	Burglary in the second degree with a firearm	1 Year
CGS § 53a-103a	Burglary in the third degree with a firearm	1 Year
CGS § 53a-134	Robbery in the first degree with a deadly weapon	5 Years
CGS § 53a-60a	Assault in the second degree with a firearm	1 Year
CGS § 53a-60c	Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or mentally retarded person in the second degree with a firearm	3 Years
CGS § 53a-61	Assault in the third degree (causing physical injury with a deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or electronic defense weapon)	1 Year
CGS § 53a-72b	Sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm	2 Years
CGS § 53-202b(a)(1)	Selling or transporting an assault weapon	2 Years
CGS § 53-202b(a)(2)	Selling or transporting an assault weapon to someone under the age of 18	6 Years
CGS § 29-34(b)	Illegal sale or transfer of a handgun to a person under the age of 21	1 Year
CGS § 53-202c	Possession of an assault weapon	1 Year



**Weapons Offenses, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-216	Criminal use of a firearm or electronic defense weapon	5 Years
CGS § 53a-217	Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver	2 Years
CGS § 53-202j	Committing a Class A, B, or C felony with an assault rifle	8 Years
CGS § 53-202k	Committing a Class A, B, or C felony with a firearm	5 Years

**Sex/Child Pornography Offenses**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-70c	Aggravated sexual assault of a minor	25 Years
CGS § 53a-70c	Second or subsequent offense of aggravated sexual assault of a minor	50 Years
CGS § 53a-196a	Employing a minor in an obscene performance	10 Years
CGS § 53a-70(b)-(c)	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 10	10 Years
CGS § 53a-70(b)-(c)	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 16	5 Years
CGS § 53a-70(b)-(c)	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual over the age of 16	2 Years
CGS § 53a-70a(b)	Aggravated sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 16	20 Years
CGS § 53a-70a(b)	Aggravated sexual assault in the first degree of an individual over the age of 16	5 Years
CGS § 53a-71	Sexual assault in the second degree	9 Months



**Sex/Child Pornography Offenses, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53-21(a)	Injury or risk of injury to a minor involving contact with the intimate parts of a person under the age of 13	5 Years
CGS § 53a-196c	Importing child pornography	5 Years
CGS § 53a-196d	Possessing child pornography in the first degree (50 or more visual depictions)	5 Years
CGS § 53a-196e	Possessing child pornography in the second degree (20 – 50 visual depictions)	2 Years
CGS § 53a-196f	Possessing child pornography in the third degree (1 – 20 visual depictions)	1 Year
CGS § 53a-90a	Enticing a minor, when the minor is under the age of 13	5 Years
CGS § 53a-90a(b)(2)	Second or subsequent offense of enticing a minor, when the minor is under the age of 13	10 Years

**Violent Offenses**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-54b	Capital felony*	Life
CGS § 53a-54a	Murder	25 Years
CGS § 53a-54c	Felony murder	25 Years
CGS § 53a-59c	Assault of a pregnant women resulting in the termination of the pregnancy	10 Years
CGS § 53a-92	Kidnapping in the first degree	1 Year
CGS § 53a-100aa	Home invasion	10 Years



**Violent Offenses, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-94	Kidnapping in the second degree	3 Years
CGS § 53a-59(b)	Assault in the first degree, if the assault causes an injury using a deadly weapon	5 Years
CGS § 53a-59(b)	Assault in the first degree, if the victim is under the age of 10 or a witness, and the offender knew the victim was a witness	10 Years
CGS § 53a-59a	Assault in the first degree of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or mentally retarded person	5 Years
CGS § 53a-60b	Assault or larceny in the second degree of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or mentally retarded person	2 Years
CGS § 53a-61a	Assault in the third degree of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or mentally retarded person	1 Year
CGS § 53a-136a	Carjacking	3 Years
CGS § 53a-300	Committing an act of terrorism while committing a Class B felony	10 Years

\*Per CGS § 53a-54b, capital felonies include: (1) Murder of a member of a police officer, corrections officer, state marshal, judicial marshal, constable, conservation officer, chief inspector, or firefighter (2) murder committed by a defendant who is hired to commit the same for pecuniary gain or murder committed by one who is hired by the defendant to commit the same for pecuniary gain; (3) murder committed by one who has previously been convicted of intentional murder or of murder committed in the course of commission of a felony; (4) murder committed by one who was, at the time of commission of the murder, under sentence of life imprisonment; (5) murder by a kidnapper of a kidnapped person during the course of the kidnapping or before such person is able to return or be returned to safety; (6) murder committed in the course of the commission of sexual assault in the first degree; (7) murder of two or more persons at the same time or in the course of a single transaction; or (8) murder of a person under sixteen years of age.

**Miscellaneous/Other Offenses**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-301	Computer crime in furtherance of terrorism which is directed towards a public safety agency	5 Years



**Miscellaneous/Other Offenses, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Mandatory Minimum Sentence</b>
CGS § 53a-165aa	Hindering prosecution in the first degree (rendering criminal assistance to another person who has committed a class A or B felony or an unclassified felony for which the maximum penalty is ten years imprisonment, and that person committed the felony with intent to intimidate or coerce the civilian population or a unit of government)	5 Years
CGS § 53a-303	Contaminating public water or food for terrorism	5 Years
CGS § 14-223(b)	Subsequent offense for increasing speed to elude police after being signaled to stop, involving death or serious physical injury	1 Year
CGS § 15-154(c)	Subsequent offense for refusing to stop a boat when ordered by officers in a law enforcement vessel, AND interfering with or endangering a boat, people, or property, OR increasing speed to escape or elude, causing death or serious bodily injury	1 Year
CGS § 14-36(i)	Operating a motor vehicle without a license or with a suspended or revoked license, with two or more prior offenses	90 Days

**Persistent Dangerous Felony Offenders**

Under Connecticut law, offenders who have been convicted of certain serious crimes in the past could be subject to classification as persistent dangerous felony offenders. The prior crimes that lead to this classification are listed in CGS §53a-40(a)(1)(A)-(B). Persistent dangerous felony offenders face specific mandatory sentences, which are listed below by offense.

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>One Conviction</b>	<b>Two+ Convictions</b>
CGS § 53a-55a	Manslaughter in the first degree with a firearm	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-56a	Manslaughter in the second degree with a firearm	2 Years	3 Years



**Persistent Dangerous Felony Offenders, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>One Conviction</b>	<b>Two+ Convictions</b>
CGS § 53a-92	Kidnapping in the first degree	2 Years	3 Years
CGS § 53a-94	Kidnapping in the second degree	6 Years	9 Years
CGS § 53a-134	Robbery in the first degree, if armed with a deadly weapon	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-59	Assault in the first degree, if a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument was used to cause serious physical injury	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-59	Assault in the first degree, if the victim was under the age of 10 or a witness, and the offender knew the victim was a witness	20 Years	30 Years
CGS § 53a-59a	Assault in the first degree of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or mentally retarded person	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-100aa	Home invasion	20 Years	30 Years
CGS § 53a-101	Burglary in the first degree, if armed with explosives, a deadly weapon, or a dangerous instrument	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-102a	Burglary in the second degree with a firearm	2 Years	3 Years
CGS § 53a-70	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 10	20 Years	30 Years
CGS § 53a-70	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 16	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-70	Sexual assault in the first degree of an individual over the age of 16	4 Years	6 Years
CGS § 53a-70a	Aggravated sexual assault in the first degree of an individual under the age of 16	40 Years	60 Years



**Persistent Dangerous Felony Offenders, cont.**

<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>One Conviction</b>	<b>Two+ Convictions</b>
CGS § 53a-70a	Aggravated sexual assault in the first degree of an individual over the age of 16	10 Years	15 Years
CGS § 53a-72b	Sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm	4 Years	6 Years