

**Arizona Criminal Terminology**  
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In Arizona, it can be difficult to understand the terminology of the law without a legal degree or background. Below is a list of some [common criminal terms and their meanings](#):

**Intentionally or “with the intent to” –**

I. The person’s objective is to commit an offense listed in Arizona’s Revised Statutes.

**Knowingly –**

II. The person is aware that the act they are committing is against one of the Arizona’s Revised Statutes.

**Recklessly –**

III. The person is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial risk. A person who is unaware of the risk due to voluntary intoxication is also acting recklessly.

**Dangerous Instrument –**

IV. Any object that can be used to cause death or serious injury.

**Dangerous Offense –**

V. An offense that involves the discharge, use, or threatening of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

**Deadly Weapon –**

VI. Anything that is designed for lethal use. An example would be a firearm.

**Intoxication –**

VII. Any mental or physical incapacity due to drugs, toxic vapors, or alcohol.

**Peace Officer –**

1. Any person vested by the law to maintain public safety (Ex. Police Officer).

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