## **Criminal Damage in Arizona**

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Criminal damage can happen for a number of different reasons under a variety of circumstances. Maybe the vending machine ate your last dollar, or maybe you were being artistic with spray paint.

The <u>Arizona Revised Statutes</u> state that criminal damage occurs when someone recklessly damages or defaces the property of another person. Tampering with the property of a utility, parking your vehicle in a way that deprives livestock from obtaining water, and drawing on any surface other than the ground without the owner's permission can get you arrested for criminal damage.

Depending on the value of the property damaged, a person could be looking at jail time and fines.

Property Value	Type of Crime
\$10,000 or more	Class 4 Felony
Utility Property of \$5,000 or more	Class 4 Felony
Between \$2,000 – \$10,000	Class 5 Felony
Between \$1,000 – \$2,000	Class 6 Felony
Between \$250 – \$1,000	Class 1 Misdemeanor
All Other Cases	Class 2 Misdemeanor

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