



**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO
FEDERAL ARSON & EXPLOSIVES LAWS**

THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES (ATF) HAS JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL LAWS RELATED TO THE ANTI-ARSON ACT, THE EXPLOSIVES CONTROL ACT, THE GUN CONTROL ACT, AND THE SAFE EXPLOSIVES ACT.

ARSON VIOLATIONS (COMMERCIAL / BUSINESS / RENTAL PROPERTY / COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES)

- 18 USC 844i - torching (or attempting) business or rental property (**mandatory minimum 5 years***)
- 18 USC 844h - torching any property - to defraud insurance company - via Mail Fraud (**mandatory min. 10 yrs**)
- 26 USC 5861 - possession and/or use of a Molotov Cocktail (up to **10 years**)
- 18 USC 924c - using Molotov Cocktail to commit Federal Arson or Drug Dealing (**mandatory min. 30 yrs***)
- 42 USC 3631 - torching a residence based on race, color, religion, sex, or familial status. (up to **10 years***)
- 18 USC 247 - torching religious property (up to **20 years***)

BOMBING/EXPLOSIVES VIOLATIONS** (COMMERCIAL / BUSINESS / RENTAL PROPERTY / COLLEGES)

- 18 USC 844i - bombing (or attempting) - business, rental property (**mandatory minimum 5 years***)
- 18 USC 842a1 - manufacturing or dealing explosives to sell (M-80s, M-100, M-1000) without ATF license
- 18 USC 842i - prohibited person (felon, etc)-possessing explosives affecting interstate commerce (up to **10**)
- 18 USC 844k&l - stealing explosives
- 18 USC 844e - bomb threats (up to **10 years**)
- 18 USC 844n - conspiracy to commit bombing
- 18 USC 842p - teaching how to make bomb (up to **20 years**)
- 18 USC 844d - transporting, shipping, mailing explosives/bomb - interstate-to damage property (up to **10***)
- 18 USC 844f - bombing (or attempting) - Federal property (**mandatory minimum 5 years***)
- 18 USC 924c - using Pipe Bomb/IED to commit Federal Bombing: 844f (**mandatory min. 30 years***)

DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES (EXPLOSIVE – PIPE BOMBS & IEDs; INCENDIARY - MOLOTOV COCKTAILS)

- 26 USC 5861 - possession or making a Destructive Device without ATF approval (up to **10 years**)
- 18 USC 924c - using Destructive Device to commit Federal Arson or Federal Bombing (**min. 30 yrs***)

* *Additional enhancements if personal injury results to any person or public safety officer.*

** *Includes "Display Fireworks" (UN0333, UN0334, or UN0335 – formerly Class A or B Explosives).*

ARSON



EXPLOSIVES

**MOLOTOV COCKTAILS • IEDs • PIPE BOMBS
MUTLI-FAMILY APARTMENTS • BUSINESSES • ARSON FRAUD
HOUSES OF WORSHIP • COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

ATF ARSON HOTLINE: 1-888-ATF-FIRE

ATF BOMB HOTLINE: 1-888-ATF-BOMB

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