

# STATE PENALTIES FOR FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME

STATE	OFFENSE	PENALTY
<b>Alabama</b>	False reporting to law enforcement authorities (ALA. CODE § 13A-10-9)	No more than 1 year in the county jail or of hard labor in the county; No more than \$2,000 fine
<b>Alaska</b>	False information or reporting (ALASKA STAT. § 11.56.800)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$200,000 fine (or \$1,000,000 if the offense results in death)
<b>Arizona</b>	False reporting to law enforcement agencies (ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-2907.01)	No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than a \$2,500 fine
<b>Arkansas</b>	Filing false report with law enforcement agency (ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-54-122)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Misdemeanor</u></p> No more than 1 year sentence; No more than \$1,000 fine  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Felony</u></p> No more than 6 year sentence; No more than \$10,000 fine

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<b>California</b>	False report of emergency (CAL. PENAL CODE § 148.3)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Misdemeanor</u>  No more than 1 year in county jail;  No more than \$1,000 fine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Felony</u>  Imprisonment in state prison (no definite term given);  No more than \$10,000 fine</p>
	False report of felony or misdemeanor (CAL. PENAL CODE § 148.5)	No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$1,000 fine
<b>Colorado</b>	False reporting to authorities (COLO. REV. STAT. § 18-8-111)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minimum</u>  \$50 fine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maximum</u>  6 months imprisonment;  \$750 fine</p>

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<b>Connecticut</b>	Falsely reporting an incident in the first degree (CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-180)	No less than 1 year, nor more than 5 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
	Falsely reporting an incident in the second degree (CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-180c)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$2,000 fine
	Falsely reporting an incident resulting in serious physical injury or death (CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-180a)	No less than 1 year, nor more than 10 years' imprisonment; No more than \$10,000 fine
	Falsely reporting an incident concerning serious physical injury or death (CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-180b)	No less than 1 year, nor more than 5 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
<b>Delaware</b>	Falsely reporting an incident (DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 11, § 1245)	Up to 1 year incarceration; No less than \$500, nor more than \$2,300 fine; Minimum 100 hours community service; Reimbursement of responding agency for expenses
<b>District of Columbia</b>	False or fictitious reports to Metropolitan Police (D.C. CODE ANN. § 5-117.05)	No more than 30 days' imprisonment; No more than \$300 fine

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<b>Florida</b>	False reports of commission of crimes (FLA. STAT. § 817.49)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine
<b>Georgia</b>	False report of a crime (GA. CODE ANN. § 16-10-26)	No more than 12 months' confinement; No more than \$1,000 fine
<b>Hawaii</b>	False reporting to law-enforcement authorities (HAW. REV. STAT. § 710-1015)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$2,000 fine
<b>Idaho</b>	Providing false information to law enforcement officers (IDAHO CODE § 18-5413)	No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$300 fine
	False alarms (IDAHO CODE § 18-6711A)	No more than 1 year in county jail; No more than \$500 fine
<b>Illinois</b>	Disorderly conduct (720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/26-1)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Misdemeanor</u> No less than 30 days, nor more than 1 year imprisonment; No less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,500 fine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Felony</u> No less than 1 year, nor more than 5 years' imprisonment; No more than \$25,000 fine</p>

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<b>Indiana</b>	False informing (IND. CODE ANN. § 35-44-2-2)	<u>Misdemeanor</u> No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine  <u>Felony</u> 1 ½ years' imprisonment; No more than \$10,000 fine
<b>Iowa</b>	False information (IOWA CODE § 694.6)  False reports to or communications with public safety entities (IOWA CODE § 718.6)	<u>Simple Misdemeanor</u> No more than 30 days' imprisonment; No less than \$50, nor more than \$500 fine  <u>Serious Misdemeanor</u> No more than 1 year imprisonment; No less than \$250, nor more than \$1500 fine
<b>Kansas</b>	Falsely reporting a crime (KAN. STAT. ANN. § 21-3818)	No more than 1 year in county jail; No more than \$2,500 fine
<b>Kentucky</b>	Falsely reporting an incident (KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 519.040)	No more than 12 months' imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine
<b>Louisiana</b>	Reports of missing children: false reports or communications (LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 14:403.3)	No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine

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<b>Maine</b>	False public alarm or report (ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 17-A, § 509)	No more than 5 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
<b>Maryland</b>	False statement to law enforcement officer (MD. CODE ANN., Crim. Law § 9-501)	No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Intentional or knowing false report of a crime (MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 269, § 13A)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No less than \$100, nor more than \$500 fine
<b>Michigan</b>	False report of crime (MICH. COMP. LAWS § 750.411a)	<u>Misdemeanor</u> No more than 93 days imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine  <u>Felony</u> No more than 4 years' imprisonment; No more than \$2,000 fine
	False reports to police broadcasting station (MICH. COMP. LAWS § 750.509)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine

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<b>Minnesota</b>	<p>Falsely reporting crime (MINN. STAT. § 609.505)</p>	<p>No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
	<p>Criminal alert network: dissemination of false or misleading information (MINN. STAT. § 609-5051)</p>	<p>No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<p>False reporting of crime (MISS. CODE ANN. § 97-35-47)</p>	<p>No more than 1 year in county jail; No more than \$1,000 fine; Restitution to law enforcement agency</p>
<b>Missouri</b>	<p>False reports of missing persons (MO. REV. STAT. § 43.405)</p>	<p>No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
	<p>False reports (MO. REV. STAT. § 575.080)</p>	<p>No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine</p>
<b>Montana</b>	<p>False reports to law enforcement authorities (MONT. CODE ANN. § 45-7-205)</p>	<p>No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$500 fine</p>

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<b>Nebraska</b>	False reporting (NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-907)	<u>Misdemeanor</u> No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine  <u>Infraction</u> No more than \$100 fine
<b>Nevada</b>	False reporting of crimes (NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. 207.280)	No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$1,000 fine
<b>New Hampshire</b>	False reports to law enforcement (N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 641:4)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$2,000 fine
<b>New Jersey</b>	False reports to law enforcement authorities (N.J. STAT. ANN. § 2C:28-4)	No more than 18 months' imprisonment; No more than \$10,000 fine
<b>New Mexico</b>	AMBER Alert: Submission of False Information (N.M. HOUSE BILL 16)	No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$500 fine
	Submission of false information: child abduction (N.M. STAT. ANN. § 29-15A-5)	No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$500 fine
	False report (N.M. STAT. ANN. § 30-39-1)	Less than 1 year in county jail; No more than \$1,000 fine



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New York	Falsely reporting an incident in the first degree (N.Y. PENAL LAW § 240.60)	No less than 3, nor more than 7 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
	Falsely reporting an incident in the second degree (N.Y. PENAL LAW § 240.55)	No less than 3, nor more than 4 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
	Falsely reporting an incident in the third degree (N.Y. PENAL LAW § 240.50)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine
North Carolina	False reports to law enforcement agencies or officers (N.C. GEN. STAT. § 14-225)	No less than 30 days, nor more than 6 months' imprisonment
North Dakota	False information or report to law enforcement officers (N.D. CENT. CODE § 12.1-11-03)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$2,000 fine
Ohio	Making false alarms (OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2917.32)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Misdemeanor</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No more than 180 days in jail; No more than \$1,000 fine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Felony</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No less than 6 months, nor more than 5 years' imprisonment; No less than \$2,500, nor more than \$10,000 fine</p>
Oklahoma	False reporting of a crime (OKLA. STAT. tit. 21, § 589)	No more than 90 days in county jail; No more than \$500 fine

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<b>Oregon</b>	Initiating a false report (OR. REV. STAT. § 162.375)	No more than 30 days' imprisonment; No more than \$1,250 fine
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	False reports to law enforcement authorities (18 PA. CONST. STAT. § 4906)	No more than 2 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine
<b>Rhode Island</b>	False report of crime (R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-32-2)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$500 fine
<b>South Carolina</b>	Giving false information to law enforcement officer (S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-17-725)	No more than 30 days' imprisonment; No more than \$200 fine
<b>South Dakota</b>	False reporting to authorities (S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 22-11-9)	No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine
<b>Tennessee</b>	False reports (TENN. CODE ANN. § 39-16-502)	No less than 2 years, nor more than 15 year's imprisonment; No less than \$5,000, nor more than \$10,000 fine
<b>Texas</b>	False report regarding missing child or missing person (TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 37.081)	No more than \$500 fine
	False report to peace officer or law enforcement employee (TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 37.08)	No more than 180 days in jail; No more than \$2,000 fine

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<b>Utah</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Making a false alarm (UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-9-105)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency reporting (UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-9-202)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 6 months' imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
<b>Vermont</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">False reports to law enforcement authorities (VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 13, § 1754)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p>
<b>Virginia</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Falsely summoning or giving false reports to law-enforcement officials (VA. CODE ANN. § 18.2-461)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 12 months in jail; No more than \$2,500 fine</p>
<b>Washington</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">False reporting (WASH. REV. CODE § 9A.84.040)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 1 year in county jail; No more than \$5,000 fine</p>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Falsely reporting an emergency incident (W. VA. CODE § 61-6-20)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No more than 6 months in county jail; No more than \$500 fine</p>

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<b>Wisconsin</b>	Kidnapped of missing persons: false information (WIS. STAT. § 946.48)	No more than 6 years' imprisonment; No more than \$10,000 fine
	Resisting or obstructing officer (WIS. STAT. § 946.41)	No more than 9 months' imprisonment; No more than \$10,000 fine
<b>Wyoming</b>	False reporting to authorities (WYO. STAT. ANN. § 6-5-210)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Misdemeanor</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No more than 1 year imprisonment; No more than \$1,000 fine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Felony</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No more than 5 years' imprisonment; No more than \$5,000 fine</p>