

## Crime Types

**Assault:** To hit/injure someone physically.

**Blackmail:** To threaten to reveal incriminating materials if someone doesn't do something.

**Burglary:** To steal or break into a home or car, etc.

**Fraud:** A deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

**Hijacking:** Unlawfully seizing an aircraft, vehicle, or ship while in transit

**Hooliganism:** Volent or rowdy behavior that occurs (typically) in crowds or gangs.

**Kidnapping:** The act of abducting someone and holding them captive.

**Mugging:** The act of attacking and robbing someone in a public place.

## Criminal Terms

**Mugger:** A person who attacks and robs another in a public place.

**Murderer:** A person who kills another person.

**Robber:** A person who steals from another person.

**Shoplifter:** A person who steals from a store.

**Smuggler:** A person who imports/exports prohibited goods.

**Terrorist:** A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims.

**Thief:** A person who steals.

**Vandal:** A person who defaces property of another person.

## Justice System Terms

**Appeal:** Asking for a reversal of the decision of a court.

**Barrister:** A British term for a lawyer.

**Caution:** Care taken to avoid danger or mistakes.

**Cell:** An area considered a living space for inmates within a prison.

**Community service:** Voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.

**Court:** Place where cases and legal matters are conducted.

**Court case:** A dispute between two parties that is decided in a court of law.

**Death penalty:** The punishment of execution.

**Defense:** The case presented by or on behalf of the party being accused.

**Fine:** The payment of money for being caught.

**Gaol, jail:** The place where accused persons and criminals are held.

**Guilty:** Found responsible for wrongdoing or an unlawful act.

**Imprisonment:** The state of being imprisoned.

**Innocent:** Not being guilty of a crime.

**Judge:** An official appointed to decide cases in a court of law.

**Jury:** A group of people (typically twelve in number) sworn to give a verdict in a legal case on the basis of evidence submitted in court.

**Justice:** A judge or magistrate, or, the quality of fairness.

**Lawyer:** Someone who practices or studies law.

**Offense:** A breach of law/illegal act.

**Sentence:** Length of time a prisoner is imprisoned.

**Prison:** A building where people are legally held as a punishment for a crime they have committed or while awaiting trial.

**Probation:** The release of an offender from detention, subject to a period of good behavior under supervision.

**Prosecution:** The legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge.

**Punishment:** The infliction or imposition of a penalty as retribution for an offense.

**Capital punishment:** The legally authorized killing of someone as punishment for a crime.

**Corporal punishment:** Physical punishment, such as caning or flogging.

**Remand home:** Detention/reform school for juvenile offenders.

**Solicitor:** An officer having charge of a legal business.

**Trial:** A formal examination of evidence before a judge and/or jury, in order to decide guilt in a case of criminal or civil proceedings.

**Verdict:** The legally binding decision on a case.

**Witness:** A person who sees an event, typically a crime or accident, take place.

## Crime Verbs

**Arrest:** To take someone into custody legally.

**Ban:** To forbid or limit something.

**Break-in:** To enter somewhere without consent or by force.

**Break-out:** To leave somewhere without consent or by force.

**Break the law:** To go against the law.

**Burgle:** To enter (a building) illegally with the intent to commit theft.

**Charge:** To accuse someone of an illegal act.

**Commit a crime:** To do something illegal.

**Escape:** To break free from confinement or control.

**Getaway:** An escape or quick departure, especially after committing a crime.

**Get away with:** To avoid prosecution for a criminal act.

**Hold up:** To point a weapon at someone to make them give them money or a valuable good.

**Investigate:** To look deeper into a matter and gather information about what happened.

**Rob:** To take something forcefully from someone unwilling.

**Steal:** To take (another person's property) without permission or legal right and without intending to return it.

## Other Crime-Related Words

**Alibi:** A story given to explain that one was not near the location of a crime.

**Armed:** To be in the possession of a firearm (gun).

**Burglar:** Someone who steals from others, a thief.

**Car alarm:** An alarm on a motor vehicle.

**Alarm:** Loud noise meant to draw attention when disturbed.

**Legal:** Pertaining to the law, on the right side of the law, allowed.

**Illegal:** Against the law, criminal.

**Store detective:** Someone who watches over a store to make sure people don't steal from it.

**Private detective:** Someone who is hired to investigate a matter.

**Weapon:** Something designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.