

CHAPTER 10.02

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

SECTION:

- 10.02.010: Assault
- 10.02.020: Coercion
- 10.02.030: Provoking Assault
- 10.02.040: Reckless Endangerment
- 10.02.060: Pointing a Laser Device at Another Person

10.02.010: Assault: It is unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Intentionally cause bodily harm by unlawfully touching, striking, or beating, or wounding another person; or
- (2) Touch or strike any person in a manner that is offensive, if the touching or striking would offend an ordinary person who is not unduly sensitive; or
- (3) Attempt by force or violence to cause bodily harm to another person; or
- (4) Intentionally place or attempt to place another person in fear or apprehension of bodily harm by any act or threat.

Every person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of assault, a gross misdemeanor. (Ord. 3878 Sec. 1, 2000: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.02.020: Coercion:

- (1) A person is guilty of coercion if, by the use of force or threat communicated directly or indirectly, he compels or induces, or attempts to compel or induce, another to engage in conduct from which the latter has a legal right to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which he has a legal right to engage.
- (2) "Threat" as used in this section means:
 - (a) To communicate, directly, or indirectly, the intent immediately to use force against any person who is present at the time; or
 - (b) Threats as defined by Kennewick Municipal Code 10.01.110(29)(a), (b), or (c).
- (3) Every person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of coercion, a gross misdemeanor. (Ord. 3496 Sec. 1, 1993: Ord. 2865 Sec. 1, 1984: Ord. 2385 Sec. 2, 1979: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.02.030: Provoking Assault: It is unlawful for any person to willfully provoke or attempt to provoke another person, by word, sign, gesture or act, to commit an assault or breach of the peace. Provoking assault is a lesser included offense of assault. Every person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of provoking an assault, a misdemeanor. (Ord. 3119 Sec. 1, 1987: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.02.040: Reckless Endangerment: A person is guilty of reckless endangerment when he recklessly engages in conduct, not amounting to drive-by shooting, but that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. Reckless endangerment is a gross misdemeanor. (Ord. 5057 Sec. 6, 2004: Ord. 2089 Sec. 2 (part), 1977)

10.02.060: Pointing a Laser Device at Another Person: A person is guilty of pointing a laser device if he unlawfully points a laser pointer or any device emitting a laser beam at another person or at any occupied vehicle, building or structure. Every person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 3847 Sec. 1, 1999)