The Ohio CIVICC Database

What is CIVICC?

1.9 million Ohioans—1 in 6—have a misdemeanor or felony conviction. They face over **700 state statutes**, sometimes called "collateral consequences," that restrict their employment, housing, family involvement,



civic participation, and other rights and privileges. The Ohio <u>Civ</u>il <u>Impacts</u> of <u>Criminal Convictions Database (http://opd.ohio.gov/CIVICC)</u> is a web-based tool created by the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Ohio Public Defender to answer **two questions** about these state laws:

- ▶ What are the civil impacts (collateral consequences) under Ohio law that are triggered by a specific conviction?
- ▶ What misdemeanor or felony offenses are likely to trigger a specific civil impact? Quick and accurate answers to these questions are vital for many people:
- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- Criminal defendants
- Legislators
- Career counselors
- Vocational-education admissions
- Corrections, probation, & parole
- Employers
- Soon-to-be-released inmates
- Anyone with a criminal record

Ohio is the first state to have a publicly-available, fully-functioning tool like this. With this precise information readily available, people with criminal records can avoid numerous barriers so they can more quickly reintegrate into our communities as productive citizens.

Note: The law changes often. Though it will be updated regularly, CIVICC is no substitute for a lawyer's advice.

How do I search CIVICC? What results will I get?

CIVICC is free and requires no special training. Try it: opd.ohio.gov/CIVICC

Using CIVICC, you can search for offenses or civil impacts (collateral consequences) using all or part of a Ohio Revised Code section number or a keyword.

When **searching for offenses**, you get a link to the full statutory text and, on the *Offense Detail* page, a list of all the civil impacts triggered by that offense.





When **searching for civil impacts**, you also get a link to the statutory text and, on the *Impact Detail* page, a list of the *Triggers* for that civil impact. Triggers may be individual offenses or they may be categories of offenses, such as "drug crime," "offenses against a minor," or "crimes of moral turpitude." If available, the Impact Detail page also will have a link to any regulation that creates an *Exception* to the civil impact.

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