

# Is Arson A Felony?

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Arson is a crime that isn't as widely reported as robberies and drug crimes, however it is still a very serious crime that causes a lot of damage and is followed by very serious repercussions. Not all fires are investigated by the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations, but the fires that are investigated usually result in someone going to prison for a long time.

An article in WPTV News discusses a case of arson that will likely end in imprisonment, fines, and restitution when a 20-year-old woman set fire to her mother's home:

STUART, Fla. - A 20-year-old Brandon woman is charged with arson and criminal mischief at her mother's home in the 2900 block of Southeast Ellendale Street, Stuart, on Friday, sheriff's reports shows.

Marie Mindor, 20, of Brandon was arrested at 9:33 a.m. after allegedly setting fire to a rug and clothing and breaking household items, according to reports.

The mother discovered the smoldering rug and clothing when she came home from trying to secure a court protective order against the daughter, reports said.

## Arson is a Felony

According to the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigation, arson is a serious crime and the penalties associated with this crime are tough. In Florida, arson is a felony punishable by imprisonment, fines and restitution. Currently under Florida law, anyone who willfully starts a fire that damages a structure occupied by a person, a dwelling or any structure where persons are normally present is guilty of a first-degree felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

## Criminal Defense

It is important to remember that the level of the sentence is defined by how much damage was caused or could have potentially been caused. If anyone was harmed as a result of arson, the sentence will be much higher. If you have ever been accused of arson or criminal mischief, contact a [criminal defense lawyer](#) immediately. A [criminal defense lawyer](#) can answer any of your questions and help you build your defense. [Distributed by IntelBuilder Social Media Platform](#)