

DRUG MISDEMEANORS

Pursuant to Senate Bill 13-250, which was enacted in 2013, drug-related misdemeanors committed on or after October 1, 2013, are subject to a different sentencing scheme than other misdemeanors. Previously, the sentencing scheme for drug misdemeanors was the same as the sentencing scheme for other misdemeanors. This section contains a current listing of drug misdemeanors. Drug misdemeanors are categorized as either level 1 or level 2 offenses. The penalty for the commission of a certain drug misdemeanor depends on its classification. The sentencing scheme for drug misdemeanors is indicated in Table 4 below.

Table 4
Sentencing Scheme for Drug Misdemeanors Committed
on or After October 1, 2013

Level	Minimum Sentence	Maximum Sentence
Level 1	6 months, \$500 fine, or both	18 months, \$5,000 fine, or both
Level 2	\$50 fine	12 months, \$750 fine, or both

It is important to note that not all persons convicted of a felony drug offense receive a sentence to prison. Colorado law authorizes many alternatives to prison, including deferred prosecution, deferred sentencing, probation, and community corrections. In addition, there are several special sentencing categories that may increase or decrease the presumptive sentencing range for a felony.

The crimes in this listing are grouped according to the statutory title in which they appear.

All listings are current through the 2014 regular session laws.