



The Ohio CIVICC Database

What is CIVICC?

The Ohio Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions Database (<http://opd.ohio.gov/CIVICC>) is a web-based tool created by the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Ohio Public Defender to answer two questions:



- ▶ What are the **civil impacts**—affecting employment, housing, financial, family, or civic-participation rights—under Ohio law that are triggered by a particular conviction?
- ▶ What misdemeanor or felony **offenses** are likely to trigger a particular 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
- Any of the estimated *1.9 million Ohioans with a criminal record*

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

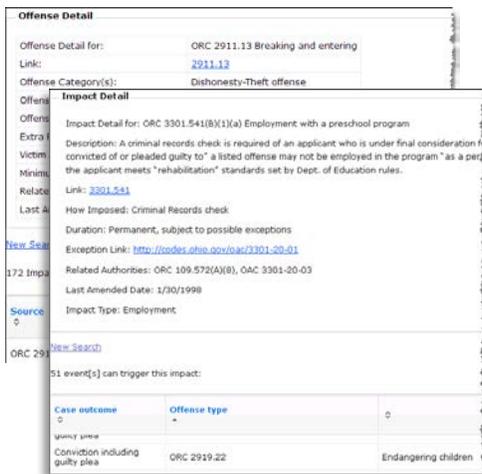
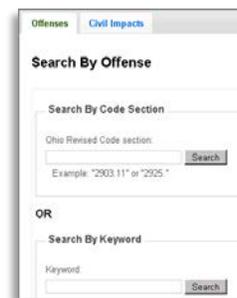
Note: CIVICC is under development; it will have all relevant statutes coded in its database by the end of 2011. The law changes often. Though it will be updated regularly, CIVICC cannot substitute for an attorney's advice.

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

CIVICC is a free, publicly available website and requires no special training to use.

Using CIVICC, you can search for **offenses** or **civil impacts** 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 **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.” These categorical triggers depend on the wording of each statute. If available, the Impact Detail page also will have a link to any regulation that creates an *Exception* to the civil impact, such as rehabilitation standards by which a license applicant can establish eligibility.

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Using CIVICC & collateral-sanction know-how to **Get Better Results for Clients**

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- 2. Identify the legal provision or policy that creates the barrier for the client**
- 3. Examine the criminal record and the process by which it was obtained and used**
- 4. Consider challenges related to legal hierarchy**
- 5. Consider state or federal constitutional challenges**
- 6. Determine whether a state or local law protects people with criminal records**
- 7. Challenge broad exclusionary policies as discriminatory based on race**
- 8. Demand a reasonable accommodation if the criminal activity arose from a disability**
- 9. Pursue restoration of rights process or certificate of rehabilitation, if available**
- 10. Put them to their proof**
- 11. Develop a compelling narrative**