

ASSAULT CHARGES GUIDE

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Applying for bail on assault charges

A person charged with assault may be remanded in custody or released on bail. Bail may be granted by police or by a court.

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Pleading not guilty to assault charges

If you have been charged with assault and want to plead not guilty, you should ensure you have a lawyer to represent you. Your matter will need to be adjourned to obtain the brief of evidence from the prosecution.



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Defences to assault charges

A person charged with assault may be able to rely on a legal defence or a factual defence. Legal defences to assault include self-defence, duress and mental impairment. Factual defences include alibis and mistaken identity.

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Types of assault charges

1. common assault
2. assault occasioning bodily harm
3. unlawful wounding
4. grievous bodily harm, and
5. sexual assault.

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Penalties for assault offences

Possible term of imprisonment with some being more than 10 years.

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Getting advice from an assault lawyer

If you have been charged with assault, seek advice from a criminal lawyer as soon as possible.

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IS ASSAULT LAW DIFFERENT IN EACH AUSTRALIAN STATE?

Yes. Each state and territory has its own criminal legislation. Each state defines assault offences differently and the maximum penalty is different in each state.



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