

Offences of Violence

Usually referred to as **Offences Against the Person**. Most offences of violence require an assault. An assault can either be a physical assault or a threat of injury. An assault can either be intentional (i.e. deliberate) or reckless (i.e. not deliberate but should have been foreseen as a result of ones actions).

Common Assault (Summary)

This is a minor reckless or intentional assault resulting in no specific injury.

ABH – Actual Bodily Harm (Either Way)

This is a reckless or intentional assault causing specific injuries such as cuts and bruising.

s20 GBH – Grievous Bodily Harm (Either Way)

This is a reckless assault causing more serious harm such as broken limbs or serious wounds.

s18 GBH (Indictable)

This is an intentional assault intending to cause serious harm.

Attempted Murder (Indictable)

This is an assault coupled with the intention to kill the victim.

Murder (Indictable)

This is an intentional assault intending to cause at least serious harm and the victim dies of the injuries.

Threats to Kill (Either Way)

This is not just the threatening to kill someone but it must be coupled with the intention that the person receiving the threat will believe that the threat will be carried out.