

Penal Code (excerpt):

Chapter XVI
Crimes against peace, humanity and war crimes

Art. 120. A person who uses the weapon of mass destruction prohibited by international law, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for the time not shorter than 10 years, for 25 years or for life.

Art. 121. § 1. A person who, in contravention of the prohibitions of the international law or provisions of law (statute), manufactures, collects, acquires, sells, stores, transports or transmits the weapons of mass destruction or develops them with the view to their manufacturing or use, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 1 year up to 10 years.

§ 2. The same penalty shall be applicable to a person, who allows the commitment of the act referred to in § 1.

Chapter XVII
Crimes against the Republic of Poland

Art. 134. A person who commits attempt on the life of the President of the Republic of Poland, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for time not shorter than 12 years, for 25 years or for life.

Art. 136. § 1. A person who in the territory of the Republic of Poland commits an active assault against the head of foreign state or accredited chief of diplomatic mission of such a state or person entitled to similar protection in virtue of laws, agreements and generally accepted international custom, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 months up to 5 years.

§ 2. A person who in the territory of the Republic of Poland commits an active assault against a person belonging to the personnel of the diplomatic mission of foreign state or consular official of foreign state, in connection with discharging by him of official functions, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years.

§ 3. The penalty referred to in § 2 shall be applicable to a person, who in the territory of the Republic of Poland publicly insults the person referred to in § 1.

§ 4. A person who in the territory of the Republic of Poland publicly insults the person referred to in § 2, shall be sentenced to fine, limitation of freedom or imprisonment for up to 1 year.

Chapter XVIII
Crimes against defence

Art. 140. § 1. A person, who with the view to diminishing the defence powers of the Republic of Poland commits violent assault against an unit of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland, destroys or damages object or facility with defence significance, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 10 years.

§ 2. If as a result of the act human death or serious harm to health of many persons is caused, the perpetrator shall be sentenced for 2 up to 12 years.

§ 3. A person who makes preparations to commit crime referred to in § 1, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years.

§ 4. In the case concerning the crime referred to in § 1-3 the court may rule seizure referred to in Article 39 subparagraph 4, also when, the objects do not constitute property of the perpetrator.

Chapter XIX
Crimes against life and health

Art. 148. § 1. A person who kills, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for the time not shorter than 8 years, for 25 years or for life

§ 2. A person who kills:

- 1) with particular cruelty,
- 2) in connection with taking a hostage...
- 3) as a result of motivation that is worthy of particular condemnation,
- 4) using fire arms or explosive materials,

shall be sentenced to imprisonment for the time not shorter than 12 years, for 25 years or for life.

§ 3. The penalty referred to in § 2 shall be applicable to the person who kills more than one person or was legally convicted before for homicide.

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Chapter XX
Crimes against public security

Art. 163. § 1. A person who causes event, which poses threat to file or health of many persons or to property at large scale, in form of:

- 1) fire,
 - 2) destruction of a building, deluge, landslip, slip of rocks or snow,
 - 3) explosion of explosive or flammable materials or other violent release of energy, proliferation of poisonous, toxic or blistering substances,
 - 4) violent release of nuclear energy or release of ionising radiation,
- shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 1 year up to 10 years.

§ 2. The perpetrator acting unintentionally, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 months up to 5 years.

§ 3. If as a result of the act referred to in § 1 human death or serious harm to health of many persons is caused, the perpetrator shall be sentenced for 2 up to 12 years.

§ 4. If as a result of the act referred to in § 2 human death or serious harm to health of many persons is caused, the perpetrator shall be sentenced for 6 months up to 8 years.

Art. 164. § 1. A person who causes direct threat of the event referred to in Article 163 § 1, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months up to 8 years

§ 2. The perpetrator acting unintentionally, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years.

Art. 165. § 1. A person who causes event, which poses threat to file or health of many persons or to property at large scale:

- 1) causing epidemiological threat or proliferation of contagious disease or epidemic,
 - 2) manufacturing or introducing to trade substances harmful to health, food or other articles of common use or pharmaceutical means which do not meet quality requirements in force,
 - 3) causing damage or immobilisation of facility of public use, in particular of facility supplying with water, light, heat, gas, or facility securing against common danger or used to its elimination,
 - 4) disturbing, hindering or otherwise affecting automatic processing, collecting or transfer of information,
 - 5) acting otherwise in especially dangerous circumstances,
- shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months up to 8 years.

§ 2. The perpetrator acting unintentionally, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years.

§ 3. If as a result of the act referred to in § 1 human death or serious harm to health of many persons is caused, the perpetrator shall be sentenced for 2 years up to 12 years.

§ 4. If as a result of the act referred to in § 2 human death or serious harm to health of many persons is caused, the perpetrator shall be sentenced for 6 months up to 8 years.

Art. 166. § 1. A person who uses ruse or violence against a person or threat of direct use of such violence, takes over the control of vessel or aircraft, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 2 years up to 12 years.