

# THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA

The *Criminal Code* is a federal law that includes definitions on most of the criminal offences that the Parliament of Canada has enacted. It is often updated as society evolves and to improve the Canadian criminal process.

The *Criminal Code* includes a wide range of crimes, such as murder, assault, theft and fraud.

## DID YOU KNOW THE CRIMINAL CODE

IS ALSO KNOWN AS

**AN ACT RESPECTING THE CRIMINAL LAW**

is called a **code** because it "codifies" most criminal offences and procedures in Canada (in law terms, this means collecting and restating the law of a jurisdiction in certain areas, usually by subject, forming a legal code)



WAS FIRST CREATED IN

**1892**

IS **300,000** WORDS LONG

is available in four formats:



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IS **1,266** pages

IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH

IS APPLIED ALL

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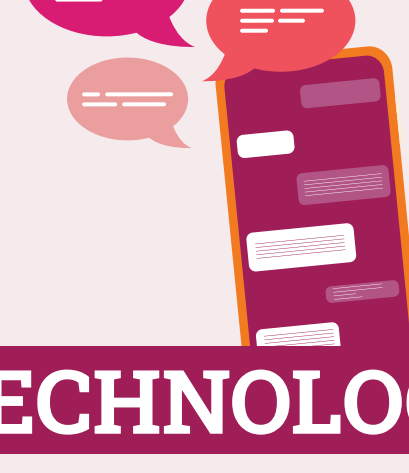


IS **updated regularly**

TO REFLECT CHANGES IN SOCIETY



**SOCIAL**



**TECHNOLOGICAL**



**ECONOMIC**

IS DIVIDED INTO

# MULTIPLE PARTS AND



- defines conduct that constitutes criminal offences;
- includes rules that set out how people can be guilty of crimes if they help or encourage others to commit crimes, and rules for how corporations and other organizations can be found guilty of crimes;
- sets out some defences that a person can raise if they are charged;
- establishes the kind and degree of punishment that may be imposed on someone convicted of an offence; and
- describes the powers and procedures to be followed for investigation and prosecution of an offence.

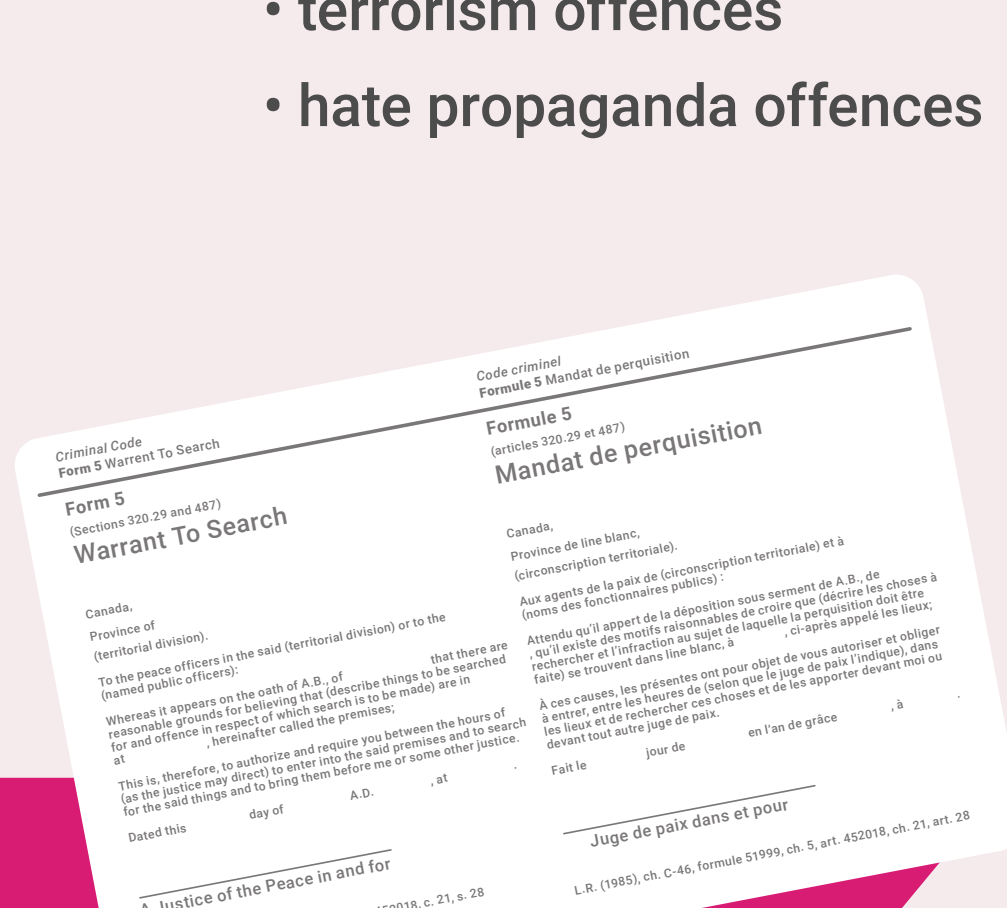
**defines offences including ones categorized as**

- offences against the person
- offences against property
- offences against the administration of law and justice
- sexual offences
- terrorism offences
- hate propaganda offences



**numerous parts, forms and templates provide for**

- warrants (such as search and arrest)
- summons
- convictions
- orders
- authorizations
- applications
- statements (such as victim impact statements)



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