

§204. Fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence; penalty

A. Fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence is the performance of any of the following acts:

- (1) The setting fire to any grass, leaves, brush, or debris on lands by the owner, or by the owner's agent or lessee, and allowing the fire to spread or pass to lands of another.
- (2) The starting of fire with wood or other fuel on lands of another, without malice, for camping or other purposes, with failure to exercise sufficient precautions so as to prevent the fire from spreading to grass, leaves, brush, or other debris on the lands.
- (3) The setting fire to grass, leaves, brush, or other debris on lands of another by means of casting aside a lighted match or lighted cigar or cigarette stub.
- (4) The burning over or causing burning over to be done on any land which adjoins woodlands of another within the boundaries of any parish of this state wherein an organized fire protection unit is maintained by the state or federal government, or both, without first giving the protecting agency written notice of intention to burn over the lands, giving a description of the property which will reasonably describe the location where the burning shall begin, and the date on which the lands are to be burned over. For the purpose of this Section, an "organized fire protection unit" is defined to be any area in which an organized system of fire prevention and control is in effect.

B. Whoever commits the crime of fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

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