

Arson:

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Arson does not only mean that someone literally sets fire to something (deliberate arson), but also when someone consciously performs an act which he or she knows can cause a fire or explosion (unintentional arson). Similarly, it is a criminal offence to start a fire by lighting a fire within 100 metres of a property that is susceptible to fire or to set off fireworks without taking the appropriate precautions.

The penalties vary according to what is set on fire (property, vehicles, movable property, fields and woods). The heaviest penalties are provided for setting fire to a building or vehicle where it was suspected that persons were present. Other penalties are increased if the arson occurs at night, with a discriminatory or racist motive and if it results in injury or death.

For more information about this crime, a concrete punishment and/or advice tailored to your needs, contact our criminal lawyers at info@studio-penale.be.