

# Annex A

## Crimes involving moral turpitude

The table below is taken from the US Department of State Foreign Affairs Manual Volume 9 – Visas 9 FAM 40.21 (a) Notes.

Crimes Against Property	
Crimes involving moral turpitude	Crimes not involving moral turpitude
Making false representation	Damaging private property (where intent to damage not required)
Knowledge of such false representation by the perpetrator	Breaking and entering (requiring no specific or implicit intent to commit a crime involving moral turpitude)
Reliance on the false representation by the person defrauded	Passing bad checks (where intent to defraud not required)
An intent to defraud	Possessing stolen property (if guilty knowledge is not essential)
The actual act of committing fraud	Joy riding (where the intention to take permanently not required)
Arson	Juvenile delinquency
Blackmail	
Burglary	
Embezzlement	
Extortion	
False pretenses, Forgery, Larceny (grand or petty)	
Fraud	
Malicious destruction of property	
Receiving stolen goods (with guilt knowledge)	
Robbery	
Theft (when it involves the intention of permanent taking)	
Transporting stolen property (with guilty knowledge)	

## Crimes Committed Against Government Authority

Crimes involving moral turpitude	Crimes not involving moral turpitude
Counterfeiting	Black market violations
Fraud against revenue or other government functions	Breach of the peace
Mail fraud	Carrying a concealed weapon
Perjury	Desertion from the Armed Forces
Harboring a fugitive from justice (with guilty knowledge)	Disorderly conduct
Tax evasion (wilful)	Drunk or reckless driving
	Drunkenness
	Escape from prison
	Failure to report for military induction
	False statements (not amounting to perjury or involving fraud)
	Firearm violations,
	Gambling violations
	Immigration violations
	Liquor violations
	Loan sharking
	Lottery violations
	Possessing burglar tools (without intent to commit burglary)
	Smuggling and customs violations (where intent to commit fraud is absent)
	Tax evasion (without intent to defraud)
	Vagrancy

## Crimes Committed Against Person, Family Relationship and Sexual Morality

Crimes involving moral turpitude	Crimes not involving moral turpitude
Abandonment of a minor child (if wilful and resulting in the destitution of the child)	Assault (simple) (i.e. any assault which does not require an evil intent or depraved motive, although it may involve the use of a weapon, which is neither dangerous nor deadly)
Adultery (see INA 101** repealed by Public Law 97-116)	Bastardy (i.e. the offence of begetting a bastard child)
Assault (this crime is broken down into several categories, which involve moral turpitude)	Creating or maintaining a nuisance (where knowledge that premises were used for prostitution is not necessary)
Assault with intent to kill, commit rape, commit robbery or commit serious bodily harm	Fornication
Assault with a dangerous or deadly weapon	Incest (when a result of a marital status prohibited by law)
Bigamy	Involuntary manslaughter (when killing is not the result of recklessness)
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	Libel
Gross indecency	Mailing an obscene letter
Incest (if the result of an improper sexual relationship)	Mann Act violations (where coercion is not present)
Kidnapping	Riot
Lewdness	Suicide (attempted)
Manslaughter: Voluntary	
Manslaughter: Involuntary	
Mayhem	
Murder	
Pandering	
Prostitution	
Rape (including 'Statutory rape' by virtue of the victim's age)	
Sodomy	

<b>Attempts, Aiding and Abetting, Accessories and Conspiracy</b>	
<b>Crimes involving moral turpitude</b>	<b>Crimes not involving moral turpitude</b>
An attempt to commit a crime deemed to involve moral turpitude	
Aiding and abetting in the commission of a crime deemed to involve moral turpitude	
Being an accessory (before or after the fact) in the commission of a crime deemed to involve moral turpitude	
Taking part in a conspiracy (or attempting to take part in a conspiracy) to commit a crime involving moral turpitude where the attempted crime would not itself constitute moral turpitude.	

Many of the offences listed above are fairly easy to match with a UK equivalent but there are others which are a lot more difficult to interpret. If in doubt, you would need to contact the US Embassy – we’re unable to provide categorical answers to whether a particular offences is classed as moral turpitude or not.