

Criminal Trespassing



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Section 13A-7-3

Criminal trespass -Second degree

(a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass in the second degree if he knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a building or upon real property which is fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders.

(b) Criminal trespass in the second degree is a Class C misdemeanor.



Section 13A-7-4

Criminal trespass- Third degree

(a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree when he knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in or upon premises.

(b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a violation.



Timber trespass or encroachment occurs when a person harvesting timber cuts across a property line, and without permission, cuts timber owned by an adjoining landowner. This happens due to one or both of the following reasons:

- the person harvesting the timber fails to ascertain the property boundary lines before cutting
- and/or the property boundary lines are not properly marked or maintained by a landowner.



Alabama Code 9-13-60

Unauthorized cutting, removal, transportation, etc., of timber or other forest products

Any person or persons who shall

- (1) Willfully and knowingly cut, kill, destroy, girdle, chop, chip, saw or otherwise damage timber or forest products not his own or without authority of the legal owner
- (2) Willfully and knowingly remove timber or other forest products other than his own or without authority of the legal owner
- (3) Willfully and knowingly transport timber or other forest products which have been severed or removed in violation of subdivisions (1) or (2) of this section



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- (4) Willfully and knowingly purchase or contract to purchase or otherwise obtain timber or forest products severed, removed or transported in violation of subdivisions (1), (2) or (3) of this section
- (5) Willfully and knowingly sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of logs, poles, piling, crossties, pulpwood, veneer bolts, staves or other unmanufactured or semi manufactured forest products not his own or without authority of the legal owner shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 and may also be imprisoned in the county jail or sentenced to hard labor for not less than 10 days nor more than 12 months.



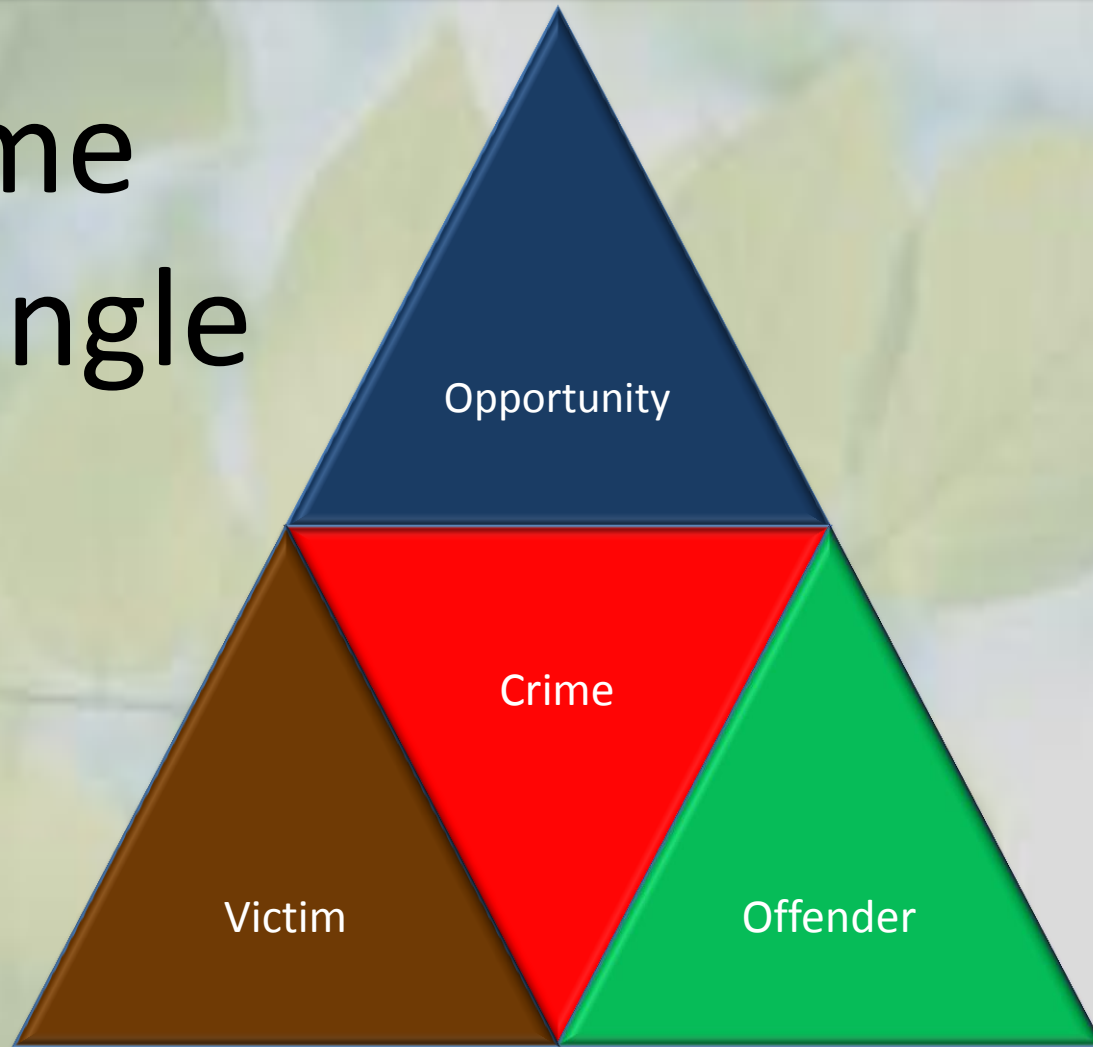
Crime Triangle



Opportunity + Victim + Offender = Crime



Crime Triangle



**Remove : the Opportunity or the Victim or the Offender
Crime disappears**



Territoriality

Clearly marked areas using:

Fences / Cables

POSTED signs

Paint on trees

Defined paths



NO TRESPASSING

NO HUNTING

NO FISHING

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED

The Retirement Systems of Alabama



Surveillance

Increase Visibility

Landscaping

Trimming bushes or trees

Video Recording Devices



Access Control

Limiting accessibility

Gates / Control Points

Blockades





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Arson Timber Theft Hotline

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The Alabama Forestry Commission provides an arson/forest crimes hotline so that citizens can call and report:

- Suspicious activity in areas where wildfires have occurred
- Theft of timber
- Theft or vandalism of timber harvesting equipment

The toll-free number is 1-800-222-2927. Information provided is confidential and you will remain anonymous.

The AFC's Law Enforcement program is committed to reducing the number of wildland crimes committed against landowners and the timber industry each year. These crimes generate annual losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars to landowners and the timber industry through thefts of timber, wildland fires, and the theft or vandalism of timber harvesting equipment. Arson is the leading cause of wildland fires in Alabama.

AFC Law Enforcement Officers

North Region	James Bozeman	205-707-1002
Northeast Region	Justin Kinney	256-299-0560
Northwest Region	Steve Lamkin	205-361-8015
East Central Region	Chad Gilliland	334-850-3613
Southeast Region	Chris Mead	334-726-0068
	Tony Chandler	251-212-1143
Southwest Region	Donnie Parker	251-212-1113
	Walter Grant	334-456-1869
Law Enforcement Chief	Craig Hill	Office: 334-240-9366 Cell: 334-850-3665



Additional Resources:

[Forestry and Related Laws](#) (pdf)-(code of Alabama)