

Homicide

Law

How unlawful killings are graded.

The main categories.

Categories

Murder — killing with the required intent

Voluntary manslaughter — murder reduced by a partial defence

Involuntary manslaughter — no intent to kill

Gross negligence manslaughter

Causing death by dangerous driving

Partial defences

Loss of control, where recognised

Diminished responsibility

Suicide pact, in some systems

Reduce murder to manslaughter, not to acquittal

Educational reference. Definitions, gradings and defences differ substantially between jurisdictions.