

Inchoate Offences

Law

Liability for crimes not completed.

The three forms.

The offences

Attempt — an act more than merely preparatory

Conspiracy — agreement to commit an offence

Encouraging or assisting an offence

Key points

Intention is generally required

Impossibility is often no defence to attempt

The substantive offence need not occur

Withdrawal may be relevant to liability

Educational reference. The line between preparation and attempt is heavily litigated and drawn differently across systems.