

Offences Against the Person

Law

The ladder of assault offences, by seriousness.

Offence and typical requirement.

Offence	Harm	Mental element
Assault	Fear of immediate force	Intention or recklessness
Battery	Unlawful force applied	Intention or recklessness
Actual bodily harm	More than trivial injury	As for the assault
Grievous bodily harm	Really serious harm	Recklessness may suffice
Wounding with intent	Serious harm	Specific intent required

Educational reference. Terminology and thresholds are jurisdiction-specific; this shows the general structure only.