

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Strangulation of a household member.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Christensen and Perkins
and Representative(s) Connolly, Craft,
Davison, Gingery and Greene

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime
2 of strangulation of a household member; specifying elements
3 of the crime; providing exceptions; providing a penalty;
4 and providing for an effective date.

5

6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

7

8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-509 is created to read:

9

10 **6-2-509. Strangulation of a household member;**
11 **penalty.**

12

13 (a) A person is guilty of strangulation if he
14 intentionally and knowingly impedes or attempts to impede
15 the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of a
16 household member, as defined by W.S. 35-21-102, by:

1

2 (i) Applying pressure on the throat or neck of
3 the household member; or

4

5 (ii) Blocking the nose or mouth of the household
6 member.

7

8 (b) A person who commits the acts described in
9 subsection (a) of this section is guilty of strangulation
10 whether or not the household member suffers injury.

11

12 (c) No person shall be guilty of strangulation when
13 performing the acts described in subsection (a) of this
14 section as part of a legitimate medical or dental
15 procedure, as part of the practices of a religious belief
16 or as part of the duties of a peace officer as defined by
17 W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi).

18

19 (d) Strangulation of a household member is a felony
20 punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10)
21 years.

22

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

2

3

(END)