

Circle-Up members have asked the Hanover Police Department (HPD) to list some general information regarding the New Hampshire criminal code on our website, below is some of the information which was suggested during Circle-Up meetings.

<b>Offense/Crime</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>Violation</b>	Fine only - up to \$1000.00
<b>Class B Misdemeanor</b>	Fine only - up to \$1200.00
<b>Class A Misdemeanor</b>	Fine of \$2000.00/1 year jail
<b>Class B Felony</b>	Fine of \$4000.00/ 3.5 – 7 yrs. Prison
<b>Class A Felony</b>	Fine of \$4000.00/ 7.5 – 15 yrs. Prison
<b>Capital Murder</b>	Death Penalty

- The above list of crimes/ penalties are based on maximum potential punitive sanctions, but sentencing statutes allow for enhanced fines and increased/decreased periods of incarceration based on the severity of the offense.
- Violations are considered offenses, not crimes; examples are: most motor vehicle related matters, disorderly conduct (generally) and unlawful possession and intoxication of alcohol by minors
- Possession of marijuana or transporting marijuana in a motor vehicle are misdemeanors
- Many parents have voiced concerns about “house parties.” New Hampshire does have a criminal statute covering this issue; Facilitating a Drug or Underage Alcohol House Party, which is a misdemeanor.

The Hanover Police Department supports Restorative Justice and we do work with the Valley Court Diversion (VDC) Program in White River Junction. However, “Diversion” is not guaranteed and there are many contributing factors to be considered when we make a referral to the VCD program. For additional information please visit <http://www.vcdp.org/>.

The Hanover Police Department is working with the Circle-Up initiative to facilitate communication with parents, schools, and police officers to create non-threatening effective relationships. We encourage parents with concerns about their children to contact us for assistance with behavioral matters ranging from abusive/suicidal behavior to suspicion of drug use.

If you wish to speak with the Hanover Police Department Circle-Up representative, Sgt. Brad Sargent, please call 643-2222 for non-emergent questions. For non-emergent and anonymous reporting the Hanover Police can be reached at our Safe Community line 643-7278.