

MICRO-THESAURUS 5 METHODS OF VIOLENCE

The purpose of this list is to classify the various methods of committing human rights violations. This list is not comprehensive, and HURIDOCS regards it as a starting point.

This list has been developed by HURIDOCS. It is based on "Supporting Document J: Type of Event".¹⁶ The original codes from this Supporting Document are included in the column *1st ed. Code*.

This list is a hierarchical list with three levels, as described in Rule No. 3 in the *Introduction*.

This Micro-thesaurus is used for field *2114 Method of Violence* in the *Act* format.

CODE	TERM	1ST ED. CODE
01	Methods for killing	
01 01	Shooting as a method for killing	02.1
01 02	Beating as a method for killing	02.2
01 03	Attack with knife and/or other sharp instrument as a method for killing	02.23
01 04	Asphyxiation as a method for killing	02.6
01 05	Burning as a method for killing	
01 06	Bombing as a method for killing	02.7
01 07	Starvation as a method for killing	
01 08	Poisoning as a method for killing	
01 09	Medical experimentation as a method for killing	
01 90	Other methods for killing	
02	Methods of imprisonment, restriction of movement	
02 01	Held in a regular detention place	
02 02	Held in a regular prison	

¹⁶ Dueck, Judith, and Aída María Noval. "Supporting Document J: Type of Event." *HURIDOCS Standard Formats: Supporting Documents*. Oslo: HURIDOCS, 1993. 97-112.

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02 03	Held in a military camp	
02 04	Held in a psychiatric institution	04.01
02 05	Held in a labour, concentration or extermination camp	04.02
02 06	Held in a government or military facility without any legal authorisation	04.06
02 07	Held in a private place, such as in the case of slavery, prostitution	04.04
02 08	Held in a prisoner of war camp	04.05
02 90	Other methods of imprisonment, restriction of movement	
03	Methods of violence against a person (such as torture)	
03 01	Beating	05.21
03 01 01	Slapping, kicking or punching	05.211
03 01 02	Blows with rifle butts, whips, straps or heavy sticks	05.212
03 01 03	“Telefono” - clapping on ears with the mouth shut	05.2191
03 01 04	“Falanga” - beating of soles of the feet	05.2192
03 02	Wounding	
03 03	Maiming or breaking bones	05.214
03 03 01	"Operating table" - the victim is forced to lie on a table with the upper half of the body unsupported and the abdomen is beaten	05.2193
03 03 02	Forced jumping or being thrown from heights	05.22
03 04	Burns	05.24
03 04 01	Burns through boiling water	05.241
03 04 02	Burns with cigarettes	05.232
03 04 03	Burns with chemicals	05.243
03 04 04	Burns with burning sticks or live fire	05.244
03 05	Rape	
03 05 01	Rape, with forced performance of particular sexual acts	05.252
03 05 02	Rape through introduction of inanimate objects into the genitalia	05.255
03 05 03	Rape through introduction of animate objects into the genitalia	05.256
03 06	Sexual harassment and molestation	
03 06 01	Sexual harassment and molestation, with forced performance of particular sexual acts	05.252

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03 06 02	Sexual threats	
03 06 03	Sexual comments and other forms of sexual harassment	
03 06 04	Touching as a form of sexual harassment and molestation	
03 07	Exposure to extreme heat or cold	05.66
03 08	Application of electric shock	05.257
03 08 01	“Black slave” - an electric apparatus which inserts a heated metal skewer into the victim's anus	05.2571
03 08 02	“Picana” or “parrilla” - use of heavy metal bed frame	05.321
03 09	Asphyxiation	05.26
03 09 01	“Submarino” - includes the use of water	
03 09 02	“Submarino seco” - putting the head in a plastic bag	05.262
03 09 03	“Submarino mojado” - immersion in filthy fluid such as water with urine and excrements	05.2631
03 10	Strangulation	05.261
03 11	Forced postures	05.27
03 11 02	“Pau de arara” (parrot's perch) - or hanging the victim from a stick between knees and arms bound tightly together	05.2711
03 11 03	“Planton” (forced standing) - often under the elements, for many hours	05.272
03 11 04	“Petro” - stretching of limbs and trunk	02.273
03 11 05	Forced sitting or kneeling	05.274
03 11 06	“Saw horse” - victim is forced to sit straddling a metal or wooden bar	05.2741
03 12	Nail removal	05.28
03 13	Use of animals (rats, spiders, etc.) as a method of violence	05.31
03 14	Amputation	05.34
03 15	Deprivation	05.4
03 15 01	Deprived of food and/or water	
03 15 02	Deprived of sleep	05.43
03 15 03	Deprived of needed medical attention	05.44
03 15 04	Deprived of needed medication	05.45
03 16	Forced feeding	05.411
03 17	Immobilisation	
03 17 01	Being bound or tied up as a form of immobilisation	05.651
03 18	Isolation	

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03 19	Stress to the senses	05.6
03 19 01	Stress through loud/disagreeable noises	05.61
03 19 02	Stress through screams and voices	05.62
03 19 03	Stress through powerful lights	05.63
03 19 04	Blindfolding	05.64
03 19 05	Overcrowding	05.48
03 20	Psychological torture and ill-treatment	05.7
03 21	Degradation	05.76
03 21 01	Verbal abuse	05.71
03 21 02	Nakedness as a form of degradation	05.762
03 21 03	Being forced to act in a degrading way	05.764
03 22	Threats (not including death threats)	05.72
03 22 01	Threats against the victim	05.721
03 22 02	Threats against the victim's family	05.722
03 22 03	Threats against the victim's friends and colleagues	05.723
03 23	Death threats	05.73
03 23 01	Threats against the victim	05.731
03 23 02	Threats against the victim's family	05.732
03 23 03	Threats against the victim's friends and colleagues	05.733
03 24	Torture as a witness	05.77
03 25	Pharmacological manipulation	05.8
03 90	Other methods of violence against a person	
04	Methods of indiscriminate attacks	12.9
04 01	Use of tear gas	12.91
04 02	Shooting as a method of indiscriminate attack	12.92
04 03	Bombing as a method of indiscriminate attack	
04 04	Arson as a method of indiscriminate attack	
04 90	Other methods of indiscriminate attack	
90	Other	
99	Unknown	