

## What the Tackling Violent Crime Act does

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Adds two new firearms offences – breaking and entering, and robbery, to steal a firearm – and escalating mandatory jail sentences for serious firearm-use, and gun trafficking, offences. Minimum five years for a first offence, and seven for a second, for eight crimes for use of a gun. Minimum of three years for a first offence, and five for a second, for possession and trafficking crimes.

Reverse onus bail provisions for accused in serious gun crimes and other weapons-related offences.

Three strikes law aimed at dangerous and high-risk offenders presumes dangerousness.

Higher penalties for drug and alcohol impaired drivers.

Raises the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 years.

### **What C-26 proposes to do**

New minimum sentences for Schedule I drugs (cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine):

Two years for production

One to two years, with aggravating factors, for possession for the purpose of dealing

One to two years for importing and exporting, the latter for anything more than 1 kg.

New minimum sentences for Schedule II drugs (marijuana, cannabis):

One to two years, with aggravating factors, for trafficking, and possession for the purpose, in amounts of more than 3 kg.

One year for importing and exporting

One year for possession for purpose of exporting

Six months for growing 1-200 plants (maximum increased to 14 years)

One year for growing 201-500 plants (maximum increased to 14 years)

Two years for more than 500 (maximum increased to 14 years)