



New Mexico's Basic Sentencing Structure Statute

31-18-15. Sentencing authority; noncapital felonies; basic sentences and fines; parole authority; meritorious deductions.

A. As used in a statute that establishes a noncapital felony, the following defined felony classifications and associated basic sentences of imprisonment are as follows:

FELONY CLASSIFICATION	BASIC SENTENCE
first degree felony resulting in the death of a child	life imprisonment
first degree felony for aggravated criminal sexual penetration	life imprisonment
first degree felony	eighteen years imprisonment
second degree felony resulting in the death of a human being	fifteen years imprisonment
second degree felony for a sexual offense against a child	fifteen years imprisonment
second degree felony for sexual exploitation of children	twelve years imprisonment
second degree felony	nine years imprisonment

third degree felony resulting in
the death of a human being

six years imprisonment

third degree felony for a sexual
offense against a child

six years imprisonment

third degree felony for sexual
exploitation of children

eleven years imprisonment

third degree felony

three years imprisonment

fourth degree felony for sexual
exploitation of children

ten years imprisonment

fourth degree felony

eighteen months imprisonment.