

Ala. Code 1975, § 13A-6-25

Criminal Coercion
(Threats of Physical Harm)

The defendant is charged with criminal coercion.

A person commits the crime of criminal coercion if, without legal authority, he/she threatens to: **[Read all appropriate]**:

- A. Confine;
- B. Restrain;
- C. Cause physical injury to the threatened person or another; **(OR)**
- D. Damage the property or reputation of the threatened person or another;

with intent thereby to induce the threatened person or another against his/her will to do an unlawful act or refrain from doing a lawful act.

To convict, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- (1) The defendant threatened to: **[Read all appropriate]**:
 - A. Confine;
 - B. Restrain;
 - C. Cause physical injury to the threatened person or another, **[name]**;
(OR)
 - D. Damage the property or reputation of the threatened person or another, **[name]**;
- (2) The defendant acted without legal authority; **(AND)**
- (3) The defendant did so with intent thereby to induce the threatened person or another against his/her will to do an unlawful act or refrain from doing a lawful act.

Physical injury is impairment of physical condition or substantial pain. [13A-1-2(12)]

A person acts *intentionally* with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute defining an offense, when his/her purpose is to cause that result or to engage in that conduct. [13A-2-2(1)]

If you find from the evidence that the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the above elements of criminal coercion, then you shall find the defendant guilty of criminal coercion.

If you find that the State has failed to prove any one or more of the elements of criminal coercion, then you cannot find the defendant guilty of criminal coercion.

Use Notes

Restrain is not defined here but is in 13A-6-40(1) for the purposes of Article 3, *Kidnapping, Unlawful Imprisonment, and Related Offenses*.

For unborn child exceptions see 13A-6-1(b) through (e).

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