



NIBRS Tip of the Month

Assault Classifications

Aggravated Assault: For an offense to be classified as “Aggravated Assault”, one of two things must be present in the incident: 1) a weapon must have been used (including displaying a weapon in a threatening manner) and/or 2) the victim must have sustained serious injury which required medical attention (even if the victim refused the medical attention).

Simple Assault: An offense is classified as “Simple Assault” if no weapon was involved (other than “Personal Weapons”) and the victim did not sustain serious injury. If the victim sustained minor injury, the weapon involved should be classified as “Personal Weapons”: Any other type of weapon changes the classification to “Aggravated Assault”.

Intimidation: The offense of “Intimidation” is used when there is no direct confrontation between the victim and the suspect but threats are made putting the victim in reasonable fear of bodily harm. Typically, the threats are by phone, e-mail, or text messages.

Please contact the WASPC CJIS Department at cjis@waspc.org or (360) 486-2380 if you need clarification.