

76-1-104 Purposes and principles of construction.

The provisions of this code shall be construed in accordance with these general purposes.

- (1) Forbid and prevent the commission of offenses.
- (2) Define adequately the conduct and mental state which constitute each offense and safeguard conduct that is without fault from condemnation as criminal.
- (3) Prescribe penalties which are proportionate to the seriousness of offenses and which permit recognition or differences in rehabilitation possibilities among individual offenders.
- (4) Prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of persons accused or convicted of offenses.

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