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Countries where suicide is illegal
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Country	Crime / Sentence
Bahamas	Where the suicide is attempted: imprisonment for life.
Bangladesh	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Brunei	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Cyprus	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.
Ghana	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.
Guyana	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanour and liable to imprisonment for 2 years.
India*	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Kenya	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.
Lebanon	Imprisonment for attempted suicide.
Malawi	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.
Malaysia	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Myanmar	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Nigeria	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to imprisonment for 1 year.
Pakistan	Where the suicide is attempted: simple imprisonment for one or more years, or penalty of a fine, or both.
Papua New Guinea	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to imprisonment for 1 year.
Qatar	Where the suicide is committed by using, executing any actions that usually lead to death: imprisonment for up to 6 months and to penalty of a fine of up to 3000 riyals, or one of these two penalties.
Saint Lucia	Suicide: Aiding and Abetting of Suicide, Attempt to Commit Suicide Where the suicide is attempted: imprisonment for 2 years.
Singapore	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to imprisonment for 1 year. Exception 5 - Culpable Homicide not Considered as a Murder Where the person who commits the suicide is above the age of 18 years old, suffers death or takes the risk of death with his own consent.
Somalia	Attempt to Commit Suicide.
South Soudan	Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to imprisonment for 1 year.
Sri Lanka	Attempt to Commit Suicide.

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United Republic of Tanzania Attempt to Commit: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sudan Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to imprisonment for 1 year.

Tonga Where the suicide is attempted: imprisonment for 3 years.

Uganda Where the suicide is attempted: the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor.

*In December 2014, the Indian government announced that Section 309 of the Penal Code would be deleted.