

# U.S. Code



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## **§ 300i–1. Tampering with public water systems**

### **(a) Tampering**

Any person who tampers with a public water system shall be imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or fined in accordance with title 18, or both.

### **(b) Attempt or threat**

Any person who attempts to tamper, or makes a threat to tamper, with a public drinking water system be imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or fined in accordance with title 18, or both.

### **(c) Civil Penalty**

The Administrator may bring a civil action in the appropriate United States district court (as determined under the provisions of title 28) against any person who tampers, attempts to tamper, or makes a threat to tamper with a public water system. The court may impose on such person a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000,000 for such tampering or not more than \$100,000 for such attempt or threat.

### **(d) “Tamper” defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “tamper” means—

- (1)** to introduce a contaminant into a public water system with the intention of harming persons; or
- (2)** to otherwise interfere with the operation of a public water system with the intention of harming persons.