

**18-8-102. Obstructing government operations.**

(1) A person commits obstructing government operations if he intentionally obstructs, impairs, or hinders the performance of a governmental function by a public servant, by using or threatening to use violence, force, or physical interference or obstacle.

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense that:

(a) The obstruction, impairment, or hindrance was of unlawful action by a public servant; or

(b) The obstruction, impairment, or hindrance was of the making of an arrest; or

(c) The obstruction, impairment, or hindrance of a governmental function was by lawful activities in connection with a labor dispute with the government.

(3) Obstructing government operations is a class 3 misdemeanor.

**Source:** L. 71: R&RE, p. 453, § 1. C.R.S. 1963: § [40-8-102](#). L. 73: p. 538, § 5.

**Cross references:** For impeding any public official in the lawful performance of his duties or activities, see § [18-9-110](#).

**ANNOTATION**

**Am. Jur.2d.** See 58 Am. Jur.2d, Obstructing Justice, § 1.

**C.J.S.** See 67 C.J.S., Obstructing Justice, §§ 1, 3, 5-11.