

**504.020 Mental illness or retardation.**

- (1) A person is not responsible for criminal conduct if at the time of such conduct, as a result of mental illness or retardation, he lacks substantial capacity either to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law.
- (2) As used in this chapter, the term "mental illness or retardation" does not include an abnormality manifested only by repeated criminal or otherwise antisocial conduct.
- (3) A defendant may prove mental illness or retardation, as used in this section, in exculpation of criminal conduct.

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