Nevada Parole Recidivism Risk & Crime Severity Guidelines

Risk Assessment Definitions and Resulting Point Allocations

Info on text entries: When entered, text entries into the notes section of the risk assessment must be placed in the notes box immediately adjacent to the selected risk factor (to the right of the box that is checked). Notes entered in other boxes will not be retained.

Static Factors:

1. Age at First Arrest

This factor is based on the age of the offender when he/she was first arrested (ever, including juvenile) whether or not they were convicted. Citations are not counted as an arrest. Use the PSI as the source for this information unless the offender admits to an earlier arrest (i.e., juvenile arrest even if the records are sealed).

0 points:	24 years or older at first arrest.
1 point:	20-23 years old at first arrest.
2 points:	19 years or younger at first arrest.

Notes entries: Comments to enter in 'notes' field in NOTIS may include the source of the information (PSI or offender stated juvenile arrest or earlier arrest than stated in the PSI). The date of first arrest may be entered, or any comment that indicates how the answer was determined. When there are discrepancies, indicate the discrepancy.

2. Prior Probation/Parole Revocations

This factor is based on any revocation of juvenile or adult parole or probation (including Gross Misdemeanor, but excluding misdemeanor).

0 points:	No history of adult or juvenile parole or probation revocations.
2 points:	One or more adult or juvenile parole or probation revocation.

Notes entries: Indicate the source (generally the PSI). If there is a discrepancy, or other related information that should be provided, indicate that information in the notes field.

3. Employment History

This factor is based on the employment history immediately prior to the instant offense. Disability or full time student status <u>does</u> count toward full time employment immediately prior to the date of the I/O. This information can generally be found in the PSI under employment.

0 points:	Satisfactory full-time employment, full time student status or disability for 1 year or more
1 point:	Employed or student/disability status less than full-time or full-time for less than 1 year
2 points:	Unsatisfactory student status or employment/unemployed /unemployable during previous year

Notes entries: The PSI is generally the source for this. When employment is '0' months, but the person was receiving disability or going to school full time and that information is indicated in the PSI, indicate that information in the notes section.

4. Offense for Current or Prior Convictions
This factor is based on conviction history including the instant offense. Two points are given if there are any property offense convictions including Robbery, Forgery, Auto Theft & Burglary, and financial crimes such as Checks, Embezzlement, etc.

2 points: Any conviction for a property type offense.
0 points: All other convictions.

Notes entries: Common entries are "PSI indicates prior property offense" or "currently serving a property offense."

5. History of Drug/Alcohol Abuse
This factor is based on any historical use/abuse of drugs or alcohol including arrests and convictions.

2 Points: Frequent abuse, or serious disruption of functioning. I.E., Evidence of frequent abuse or disruption, and/or the person has been arrested for a crime involving drugs or alcohol (including possession, even if the person denies use), or indication that criminal behavior is based on the use of drugs or alcohol.
1 point: There is evidence that the person has used drugs or abused alcohol, but no evidence that the use/abuse has resulted in other criminal behavior.
0 points: No evidence of prior use of drugs, and limited or social use of alcohol.

Notes entries: Common entries for frequent abuse include "prior drug conviction" or "serving a sentence for drug conviction." Others include "inmate was under the influence at time of offense" or "inmate admits to committing crime to obtain drugs." For answers related to some use or no use, generally this will be stated in the PSI and the note can simply be "per PSI."

6. Gender (at birth) - Notes entries: No note is necessary, unless to indicate a transgender issue.

1 point: Male
0 points: Female

Dynamic Factors:

7. Current Age
Age at month of hearing.

-1 point: Age 41 or older at month of hearing
0 points: Age 31 through 40 at month of hearing
1 point: Age 21 through 30 at month of hearing
2 points: Under age 21 at month of hearing

Notes entries: No note is necessary.

8. Active Gang Membership
Street or Prison Gang, based on NDOC validation or indication in the Pre-Sentence Investigation.

0 points: No gang affiliation or validation at time of hearing, or the person is participating in a program to disassociate with gang involvement.
2 points: Any validated prison or street gang association or membership.

Notes entries: When the PSI indicates involvement with a gang, but they are not NDOC validated, indicate that information in the notes section.

9. Completed DOC certified Education - Vocational - Treatment Program on current term of incarceration.

-1 points: Inmate has received a high school diploma or equivalent, college degree, or has completed a DOC certified treatment program or vocational program on the current term of incarceration. "The current term of incarceration" means that period of time since the inmate was received into the DOC after sentencing for a felony conviction. If the inmate was released on parole and convicted of a new felony, credit would be awarded only if the program achievement occurred after return to the DOC subsequent to sentencing on the new felony. Qualifying DOC certified programs include APE, ANCHOR, ARCH, OASIS & STOP, and any certified vocation program completion.

0 points: Inmate has not received a high school equivalent or higher degree, or has not completed a DOC certified treatment of vocational program, on the current term of incarceration.

Notes Entries: Enter the name of the program and completion date, or the name of the educational type (HS Diploma, GED, Associates Degree) and the date of award.

10. Disciplinary Conduct - Guilty findings.

-1 point: No major disciplinary violations or a single minor or general infraction in the past year from hearing month.
0 points: Multiple minor or general violations in the past year from hearing month.
1 point: One major violation in the past year from hearing month.
2 points: Multiple major violations in the past year from hearing month.

NOTE: Count only one guilty disciplinary finding per event, based on the highest severity guilty finding (ie, three generals, a minor and two majors on August 2, 2008 count as one Major). Do not count unresolved charges.

Notes entries: No entry is needed unless something interpretive needs to be pointed out.

11. Current Custody Level as of the date of the hearing.

-1 point: Minimum custody or community trustee.
0 points: Medium custody.
2 points: Maximum custody or housed in disciplinary segregation.

Note: If the inmate is in administrative or protective segregation, the inmate should be given the benefit of the custody that he/she would be housed in if the reason for being in administrative or protective segregation didn't exist. If the inmate is approved for minimum custody, but is housed in medium custody, he/she should be given the benefit of the approved custody level of minimum. If the inmate is in medium pending unresolved disciplinary action, and was approved for minimum prior to the disciplinary charge, he/she should be calculated as minimum.

Notes entries: No note is needed unless a judgement is being made on changing the point selection based on a situation described above.