

Country File

BELIZE



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Region	Americas
Legal system	Common Law
UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ succession (d)	17 March 1986 (a)
Relevant Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitution of 28 October 2002• Criminal Code of 31 December 2000
Relevant Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibition of torture: Section 7 of the Constitution• Definition of torture:• Penalties: Section 287 of the Criminal Code
Languages Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English (official language)
Other Relevant Information	Full texts of laws are available at www.belize-law.org

Relevant Articles – BELIZE

ENGLISH

Constitution of 28 October 2002

Section 7

No person shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment.

Criminal Code of 31 December 2000

Section 287

Every officer of a prison who-

- (a) uses any kind of torture to a prisoner,
 - (b) is guilty of cruelty to a prisoner,
 - (c) intentionally and unlawfully causes any harm to a prisoner,
- shall be liable to imprisonment for two years.