

**§502. Failure to disperse**

1. When 6 or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct likely to cause substantial harm or serious inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, a law enforcement officer may order the participants and others in the immediate vicinity to disperse.

[PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

2. A person is guilty of failure to disperse if the person knowingly fails to comply with an order made pursuant to subsection 1 and:

A. The person is a participant in the course of disorderly conduct. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or [PL 2001, c. 383, §64 (NEW); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

B. The person is in the immediate vicinity of the disorderly conduct. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime. [PL 2001, c. 383, §64 (NEW); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]  
[PL 2001, c. 383, §64 (RPR); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

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[PL 2001, c. 383, §65 (RP); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW). PL 2001, c. 383, §§64,64 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).

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