

**18.23X**  
**Definition Of Possession Of A Defaced Firearm**

A person commits the offense of possession of a defaced firearm when he knowingly possesses any firearm whose importer's or manufacturer's serial number he knows to have been [(changed) (altered) (removed) (obliterated).]

**Committee Note**

720 ILCS 5/24-5(b) (West 2024).

Give Instruction 18.24X.

*People v. Ramirez*, 2023 IL 128123 (holding that an implied *mens rea* of knowledge applies to both elements of the offense: possession and defacement); overruling *People v. Stanley*, 397 Ill. App. 3d 598, 921 N.E.2d 445 (1st Dist. 2009) (holding that knowledge only applied to the possessory component of the offense).

Use applicable bracketed material.