# Causes of Crime

There are many reasons why people commit crimes.

Some of the common reasons for committing crime are:

1. Poverty
   - This is perhaps one of the most concrete reasons why people commit crimes.
   - In a country where economic deprivation is rampant, it is common for people to engage in criminal acts.
   - The hunger and poor economic conditions are what leads many people to invest themselves in criminal cases in attempts to feed themselves and their families.
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2. Peer pressure
   - Many young people commit crimes because they see a lot of their peers engaging in such acts.
   - For example it is common for high school students and college going students to engage in drugs, weed and a lot more.
   - Among the students, smoking weed is a pretty "cool" thing to do but according to the Dangerous Drugs Act (Chapter 15:02) it is a crime to posses or use cannabis in Zimbabwe and can call for imprisonment of upto 10 years and/or a large amount of fine.

3. Alcohol and Drug abuse
   - Drug abuse leads to drug addiction which is a condition that affects the brain and behavior of the addict leading to them being violent and into performing different kinds of crimes.
   - Alcohol abuse is associated with most violent crimes such as murder, rape, assault, spousal abuse, and child abuse.