

The Ten Commandments

Sixth Commandment: To Kill or Not To Kill

Exodus 20:13

לא תרצח

"You shall not murder."

Maimonides Negative commandment #289

The 289th prohibition is that we are forbidden from killing each other.

The source of this prohibition is G-d's statement (exalted be He), "Do not commit murder."

The punishment for violating this prohibition is execution by decapitation. [The death penalty is derived] from G-d's statement (exalted be He), "You must even take him from My altar to put him to death."

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in the 9th chapter of tractate *Sanhedrin* and the 2nd chapter of *Makkos*.