

| WRITING GUIDE

“Sentence crimes”: Identifying and correcting fragments, comma splices, and run-ons

Sentence boundary errors

They’re such serious errors that Rita Smilkstein referred to them as *sentence crimes* (*Tools for Writing*

There are three major sentence crimes: **fragments (frag)**, **comma splices (CS)**, and **run-ons (RO)** (also called “fused sentences”).

Even good writers have trouble with sentence boundaries.

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