

# Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009

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## PART 1

#### RAPE ETC.

## Rape

1 Rape

## Sexual assault by penetration

2 Sexual assault by penetration

## Sexual assault and other sexual offences

- 3 Sexual assault
- 4 Sexual coercion
- 5 Coercing a person into being present during a sexual activity
- 6 Coercing a person into looking at a sexual image
- 7 Communicating indecently etc.
- 8 Sexual exposure
- 9 Voyeurism
- 10 Interpretation of section 9
- 11 Administering a substance for sexual purposes

## PART 2

#### CONSENT AND REASONABLE BELIEF

## Consent

- 12 Meaning of "consent" and related expressions
- 13 Circumstances in which conduct takes place without free agreement
- 14 Consent: capacity while asleep or unconscious
- 15 Consent: scope and withdrawal

## Reasonable belief

## 16 Reasonable belief

#### PART 3

#### MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSONS

## Mentally disordered persons

## 17 Capacity to consent

#### PART 4

#### **CHILDREN**

#### Young children

- 18 Rape of a young child
- 19 Sexual assault on a young child by penetration
- 20 Sexual assault on a young child
- 21 Causing a young child to participate in a sexual activity
- 22 Causing a young child to be present during a sexual activity
- 23 Causing a young child to look at a sexual image
- 24 Communicating indecently with a young child etc.
- 25 Sexual exposure to a young child
- 26 Voyeurism towards a young child
- 27 Belief that child had attained the age of 13 years

#### Older children

- 28 Having intercourse with an older child
- 29 Engaging in penetrative sexual activity with or towards an older child
- 30 Engaging in sexual activity with or towards an older child
- 31 Causing an older child to participate in a sexual activity
- 32 Causing an older child to be present during a sexual activity
- Causing an older child to look at a sexual image
- 34 Communicating indecently with an older child etc.
- 35 Sexual exposure to an older child
- 36 Voyeurism towards an older child
- 37 Older children engaging in sexual conduct with each other
- 38 Penetration and consent for the purposes of section 37
- 39 Defences in relation to offences against older children

#### General

- 40 Special provision as regards failure to establish whether child has or has not attained certain ages
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## ABUSE OF POSITION OF TRUST

#### Children

- 42 Sexual abuse of trust
- 43 Positions of trust
- 44 Interpretation of section 43

45 Sexual abuse of trust: defences

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#### **PENALTIES**

#### Penalties

48 Penalties

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- 50 Power to convict for offence other than that charged
- 51 Exceptions to inciting or being involved art and part in offences under Part 4 or 5
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- 53 Continuity of law on sexual offences
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- 55 Offences committed outside the United Kingdom
- 56 Continuity of law on sexual offences committed outside the United Kingdom

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- 59 Orders
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- 61 Modification of enactments
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SCHEDULE 1 — Relevant sexual offences

Part 1 — OFFENCES THAT MAY CURRENTLY BE COMMITTED

- 1 Any of the following offences under this Act—
- 2 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- 3 An offence under any of the following provisions of that...
- 4 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- 5 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Any of the following of the following provisions of that...
- 7 Any of the following offences under the Criminal Law (Consolidation)...
- 8 An offence under section 160 of the Criminal Justice Act...
- 9 An offence under article 15 of the Criminal Justice (Evidence,...
- 10 An offence under the following provisions of the Civic Government...

- An offence under section 1 of the Protection of Children...
- 12 An offence under article 3 of the Protection of Children...
- 13 An attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit an offence in...
- 14 An offence under section 293(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland)...
  - Part 2 OFFENCES REPLACED BY AN OFFENCE IN PART 1 OR THIS PART
- 15 The following common law offences against a person under the...
- 16 Rape under the common law of Northern Ireland of a...
- 17 Any of the following offences under the Sexual Offences Act...
- 18 An offence under article 18, 19, 20 or 21 of...
- 19 An offence under section 3 of the Sexual Offences (Amendment)...
- 20 An offence under section 3, 5, 6 or 13(5)(c) of...
- 21 An offence under article 123 of the Mental Health (Northern...
- 22 An offence under article 9 of the Criminal Justice (Northern...
- 23 An offence under section 54 of the Criminal Law Act...
- 24 Any of the following offences under the Sexual Offences (Scotland)...
- 25 An offence under section 21 or 22 of the Children...
- 26 An offence under section 1 of the Indecency with Children...
- 27 An offence under section 2 of the Attempted Rape, etc.,...
- 28 An offence under section 1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15...
- 29 An offence under section 5, 6 or 28 of that...
- 30 An offence under section 1 of the Punishment of Incest...
- 31 Any of the following offences under the Criminal Law Amendment...
- 32 Any of the following offences under the Offences Against the...
- An attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit an offence in...
- 34 An offence under section 293(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland)...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Penalties

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Alternative verdicts

## SCHEDULE 4 — Listed offences

Part 1 — INCITEMENT TO COMMIT CERTAIN SEXUAL ACTS OUTSIDE UK

- 1 An offence under Part 1 of this Act against a...
- 2 An offence under Part 4 of this Act.
- 3 Sexual abuse of trust (section 42 of this Act).
- 4 Sexual abuse of trust of a mentally disordered person (section...
- 5 Indecent assault of a person under the age of 18....

Part 2 — OFFENCES COMMITTED OUTSIDE UK

- 6 An offence under Part 1 of this Act against a...
- 7 An offence under Part 4 of this Act.
- 8 Sexual abuse of trust (section 42 of this Act).
- 9 Sexual abuse of trust of a mentally disordered person (section...
- 10 Indecent assault of a person under the age of 18....
- 11 An offence under section 52 of the Civic Government (Scotland)...
- 12 An offence under section 52A of that Act (possession of...
- 13 An offence under section 9 of the Protection of Children...
- 14 An offence under section 10 of that Act (causing or...
- 15 An offence under section 11 of that Act (controlling a...
- 16 An offence under section 12 of that Act (arranging or...
- 17 Conspiracy or incitement to commit any offence specified in paragraphs...
- 18 An offence under section 293(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland)...

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

## SCHEDULE 5 — Minor and consequential amendments

- 1 The Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 39)
- 2 The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46)
- 3 The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995 (c. 53)
- 4 The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 5)
- 5 The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)
- 6 The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 13)
- 7 The Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 9)

SCHEDULE 6 — Repeals