



Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 42

2 Powers of arrest, seizure and entry.

- (1) ^{F1}
- (2) A constable may seize any article which he has reasonable grounds for believing to be or to contain indecent matter and to have been used in the commission of an offence under this Act.
- (3) In England and Wales, a justice of the peace if satisfied on information on oath that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been or is being committed on any premises and, in Scotland, a sheriff or justice of the peace on being so satisfied on evidence on oath, may issue a warrant authorising any constable to enter the premises specified in the information or, as the case may be, evidence (if need be by force) [^{F2}within fourteen days from the date of issue of the warrant] to seize any article which the constable has reasonable grounds for believing to be or to contain indecent matter and to have been used in the commission of an offence under this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(1) repealed by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984](#) (c. 60, SIF 95), s. 119(2), [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)
- F2** Words repealed (E.W.) by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984](#) (c. 60, SIF 95), s. 119(2), [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 2(3): Powers of seizure extended (*prosp.*) by [2001 c. 16](#), ss. 50, 52-54, 68, 138(2), [Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 25](#)
- S. 2(3) modified (*prosp.*) by [2001 c. 16](#), ss. 55, 68, 138(2), [Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 100](#) (with s. 57(3))
- C2** S. 2(3) powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by [Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001](#) (c. 16), ss. 50, 138(2), [Sch. 1 para. 25](#) (with ss. 52-54, 68); S.I. 2003/708, art. 2(a)
- C3** S. 2(3) modified (1.4.2003) by [Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001](#) (c. 16), ss. 55, 138(2), [Sch. 1 para. 100](#) (with ss. 57(3), 68); S.I. 2003/708, art. 2(a)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981, Section 2.