



Video Recordings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 39

Miscellaneous and supplementary

17 Entry, search and seizure.

[^{F1}(1) If a justice of the peace is satisfied by information on oath that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—

- (a) that an offence under this Act has been or is being committed on any premises, and
- (b) that evidence that the offence has been or is being committed is on those premises,

he may issue a warrant under his hand authorising any constable to enter and search the premises [^{F2}within one month from the date of issue of the warrant].

(2) A constable entering or searching any premises in pursuance of a warrant under subsection (1) above may use reasonable force if necessary and may seize anything found there which he has reasonable grounds to believe may be required to be used in evidence in any proceedings for an offence under this Act.

(3) In subsection (1) above—

- (a) the reference to a justice of the peace is, in Scotland, a reference to the sheriff or a justice of the peace and, in Northern Ireland, a reference to a resident magistrate, and
- (b) the reference to information is, in Scotland, a reference to evidence and, in Northern Ireland, a reference to a complaint.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1-17 repealed and revived (21.1.2010) by [Video Recordings Act 2010 \(c. 1\)](#), **ss. 1(1), 2(2)** (with [Sch. paras. 2\(2\), 6](#))

F2 Words in s. 17(1) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (3.2.1995) by [1994 c. 33, s. 168\(1\)\(3\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 23\(b\)](#), [Sch. 11](#); [S.I. 1995/127, art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Video Recordings Act 1984, Section 17. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 17(2) modified (1.4.2003) by [Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 \(c. 16\)](#), ss. 55, 138(2), [Sch. 1 para. 103](#) (with ss. 57(3), 68); S.I. 2003/708, art. 2(a)
- C2** S. 17(2) powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by [Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 \(c. 16\)](#), ss. 50, ss. 51, 138(2), [Sch. 1 para. 34](#) (with ss. 52-54, 68); S.I. 2003/708, art. 2(a)

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