



# Public Order Act 1986

## CHAPTER 64

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#### PART I

##### NEW OFFENCES

- 1 Riot.
- 2 Violent disorder.
- 3 Affray.
- 4 Fear or provocation of violence.
- 4A Intentional harassment, alarm or distress.
- 5 Harassment, alarm or distress.
- 6 Mental element: miscellaneous.
- 7 Procedure: miscellaneous.
- 8 Interpretation.
- 9 Offences abolished.
- 10 Construction of other instruments.

#### PART II

##### PROCESSIONS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 11 Advance notice of public processions.
- 12 Imposing conditions on public processions.
- 13 Prohibiting public processions.
- 14 Imposing conditions on public assemblies.
- 14A Prohibiting trespassory assemblies.
- 14B Offences in connection with trespassory assemblies and arrest therefor.
- 14C Stopping persons from proceeding to trespassory assemblies.
- 15 Delegation.
- 16 Interpretation.

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### PART III

#### RACIAL HATRED

##### *Meaning of “racial hatred”*

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##### *Acts intended or likely to stir up racial hatred*

- 18 Use of words or behaviour or display of written material.  
 19 Publishing or distributing written material.  
 20 Public performance of play.  
 21 Distributing, showing or playing a recording.  
 22 Broadcasting or including programme in cable programme service.

##### *Racially inflammatory material*

- 23 Possession of racially inflammatory material.  
 24 Powers of entry and search.  
 25 Power to order forfeiture.

##### *Supplementary provisions*

- 26 Savings for reports of parliamentary or judicial proceedings.  
 27 Procedure and punishment.  
 28 Offences by corporations.  
 29 Interpretation.

### PART IV

30–37 .....

### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

- 38 Contamination of or interference with goods with intention of causing public alarm or anxiety, etc.  
 39 Power to direct trespassers to leave land.  
 40 Amendments, repeals and savings.  
 41 Commencement.  
 42 Extent  
 43 Short title.

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### SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Sporting Events  
 Part I — ENGLAND AND WALES

#### *Introduction*

- 1 The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985 shall...

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*Vehicles*

2 The following shall be inserted after section 1 (offences in...

*Fireworks etc.*

3 The following shall be inserted after section 2 (offences in...

*Licensing etc.*

4 The following shall be inserted after section 5— Private facilities...

*Supplementary*

5 In sections 2 and 3, after subsection (1) insert—  
6 In section 7(3) (power to stop and search vehicles), after...  
7 (1) Section 8 (penalties) shall be amended as follows.

*Minor amendment*

8 Section 3(9) (notice varying order about sale or supply of...  
Part II — SCOTLAND

*Introduction*

9 Part V of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (sporting...

*Vehicles*

10 After section 70 there shall be inserted the following— Alcohol...  
11 In section 71 (defences in connection with carriage of alcohol)...  
12 In section 75 (police powers of enforcement) for “or 70”...  
13 In section 77 (interpretation of Part V)—

*Fireworks etc.*

14 (1) After section 72 there shall be inserted the following—...

SCHEDULE 2 — Other Amendments

*Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act 1875 (c.86)*

1 .....

*Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (c.14)*

2 In section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953...

*Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (c.45)*

3 (1) Part V of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982...

*Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c.48)*

4 The following shall be inserted at the end of Part...  
5 .....  
6 .....

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*Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c.60)*

7 In section 17(1)(c) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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#### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 3(6) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(2) Sch. 17
- s. 4(3) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(3) Sch. 17
- s. 4A(4) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(4) Sch. 17
- s. 5(4)(5) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(5) Sch. 17
- s. 7(1) modified by 2007 c. 27 Sch. 6 para. 13
- s. 12(7) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(6) Sch. 17
- s. 12(8) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(2)(a)
- s. 12(10) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(2)(b)
- s. 12(10) text amended by 2007 c. 27 Sch. 6 para. 58(2)para. 58(3)(a)
- s. 13(10) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(7) Sch. 17
- s. 13(11) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(3)(a)
- s. 13(13) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(3)(b)
- s. 13(13) text amended by 2007 c. 27 Sch. 6 para. 58(2)para. 58(3)(b)
- s. 14 excluded by 2005 c. 15 s. 132(6)
- s. 14(7) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(8) Sch. 17
- s. 14(8) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(4)(a)
- s. 14(10) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(4)(b)
- s. 14(10) text amended by 2007 c. 27 Sch. 6 para. 58(2)para. 58(3)(c)
- s. 14A(9A) inserted by 2003 asp 2 Sch. 2 para. 9
- s. 14B(4) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(9) Sch. 17
- s. 14B(5) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(5)(a)
- s. 14B(7) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 37(5)(b)
- s. 14B(7) text amended by 2007 c. 27 Sch. 6 para. 58(2)para. 58(3)(d)
- s. 14C(4) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(10) Sch. 17
- s. 16 text amended by 2003 c. 38 s. 57
- s. 18(3) repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 26(11) Sch. 17
- s. 26(1) text amended by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 10 para. 19
- Sch. 1 para. 4 repealed by 2003 c. 17 Sch. 7
- Sch. 1 para. 5 repealed by 2003 c. 17 Sch. 7
- Sch. 1 para. 7(5)(8) repealed by 2003 c. 17 Sch. 7

#### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3A inserted by 2006 c. 1 Sch.
- Pt. 3A heading text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 2
- s. 29A cross-heading text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 3
- s. 29B cross-heading text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 5
- s. 29B(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 6(2)
- s. 29B(3) repealed by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 6(3) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29C(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 7
- s. 29D(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 8
- s. 29E(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 9
- s. 29F(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 10
- s. 29G(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 11
- s. 29H(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 12(2) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29H(2) repealed by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 12(3) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29I(2)(a) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 13(2)(a) Sch. 28 Pt. 5

- s. 29I(2)(b) repealed by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 13(2)(b) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29I(4) repealed by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 13(3) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29K(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 15
- s. 29L(1) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 16(2) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29L(2) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 16(2) Sch. 28 Pt. 5
- s. 29L(3)(b) text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 16(3)
- s. 29L(4) inserted by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 16(4)
- s. 29N text amended by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 17
- s. 29AB inserted by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 4
- s. 29JA inserted by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 16 para. 14

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Public Order Act 1986:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2003/3300 art. 2-4 commences (2003 c. 38)
- S.I. 2005/1521 art. 2-4 commences (2005 c. 15)
- S.I. 2005/3056 art. 2 3 commences (2003 c. 17)
- S.I. 2005/3495 art. 2 commences (2005 c. 15)
- S.I. 2007/2490 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 1)
- S.I. 2008/2504 art. 2 commences (2007 c. 27)
- S.I. 2010/712 arts. 2-4 commences (2008 c. 4)
- S.S.I. 2005/17 art. 2 commences (2003 asp 2)