



# Protection from Harassment Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 40

### *England and Wales*

#### **7 Interpretation of this group of sections.**

- (1) This section applies for the interpretation of sections 1 to 5.
- (2) References to harassing a person include alarming the person or causing the person distress.
- (3) A “course of conduct” must involve conduct on at least two occasions.

[<sup>F1</sup>(3A) A person’s conduct on any occasion shall be taken, if aided, abetted, counselled or procured by another—

- (a) to be conduct on that occasion of the other (as well as conduct of the person whose conduct it is); and
- (b) to be conduct in relation to which the other’s knowledge and purpose, and what he ought to have known, are the same as they were in relation to what was contemplated or reasonably foreseeable at the time of the aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring.]

- (4) “Conduct” includes speech.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 7(3A) inserted (1.8.2001) by 2001 c. 16, s. 44(1)(2); S.I. 2001/2223, art. 3(b)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/08/2001. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, Section 7.