



Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 2

General regulation of public processions

14 Breaking up public procession.

- (1) A person who for the purpose of preventing or hindering any lawful public procession [^{F1}or protest meeting]^{F1} or of annoying persons taking part in or endeavouring to take part in any such procession [^{F1}or protest meeting]^{F1}—
- (a) hinders, molests or obstructs those persons or any of them;
 - (b) acts in a disorderly way towards those persons or any of them; or
 - (c) behaves offensively and abusively towards those persons or any of them,
- shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 14(1) inserted (23.3.2005 with application as mentioned in art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Public Processions \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/857 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), [art. 6\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, Section 14.