



Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 2

CRIMINAL OFFENCES

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IMAGES OF CHILDREN

Prohibited images

65 Meaning of “image” and “child”

- (1) The following apply for the purposes of sections 62 to 64.
- (2) “Image” includes—
 - (a) a moving or still image (produced by any means), or
 - (b) data (stored by any means) which is capable of conversion into an image within paragraph (a).
- (3) “Image” does not include an indecent photograph, or indecent pseudo-photograph, of a child.
- (4) In subsection (3) “indecent photograph” and “indecent pseudo-photograph” are to be construed—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales, in accordance with the Protection of Children Act 1978 (c. 37), and
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Protection of Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1047 (N.I. 17)).
- (5) “Child”, subject to subsection (6), means a person under the age of 18.
- (6) Where an image shows a person the image is to be treated as an image of a child if—

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- (a) the impression conveyed by the image is that the person shown is a child, or
 - (b) the predominant impression conveyed is that the person shown is a child despite the fact that some of the physical characteristics shown are not those of a child.
- (7) References to an image of a person include references to an image of an imaginary person.
- (8) References to an image of a child include references to an image of an imaginary child.

Commencement Information

II S. 65 in force at 6.4.2010 by S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, [Sch. para. 1](#)

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- s. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1A inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)