



Crime and Security Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 17

Prison security

45 Offences relating to electronic communications devices in prison

In the Prison Act 1952, in section 40D (other offences relating to prison security)—

- (a) in subsection (1)(b), for “or any sound” there is substituted “, sound or information”;
- (b) in subsection (3), paragraph (b) and the preceding “or” are repealed;
- (c) after subsection (3) there is inserted—

“(3A) A person who, without authorisation, is in possession of any of the items specified in subsection (3B) inside a prison is guilty of an offence.

(3B) The items referred to in subsection (3A) are—

- (a) a device capable of transmitting or receiving images, sounds or information by electronic communications (including a mobile telephone);
- (b) a component part of such a device;
- (c) an article designed or adapted for use with such a device (including any disk, film or other separate article on which images, sounds or information may be recorded).”

Commencement Information

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Crime and Security Act 2010, Cross
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