



Crime and Security Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 17

Air weapons

46 Offence of allowing minors access to air weapons

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 24 there is inserted—

“24ZA Failing to prevent minors from having air weapons

- (1) It is an offence for a person in possession of an air weapon to fail to take reasonable precautions to prevent any person under the age of eighteen from having the weapon with him.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where by virtue of section 23 of this Act the person under the age of eighteen is not prohibited from having the weapon with him.
- (3) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) it is a defence to show that the person charged with the offence—
 - (a) believed the other person to be aged eighteen or over; and
 - (b) had reasonable ground for that belief.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a person shall be taken to have shown the matters specified in subsection (3) if—
 - (a) sufficient evidence of those matters is adduced to raise an issue with respect to them; and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond a reasonable doubt.”
- (3) In section 57 (interpretation), in subsection (3) (offences relating to air weapons), for “and 24(4)” there is substituted “, 24(4) and 24ZA(1) ”.
- (4) In the table in Part 1 of Schedule 6 (prosecution and punishment of offences), after the entry for section 24(4), there is inserted—

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“Section 24ZA(1)	Failing to prevent minors from having air weapons	Summary	A fine of level 3 on the standard scale.	Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Part II of this Schedule apply.”
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- (5) In Part 2 of Schedule 6 (supplementary provisions as to trial and punishment of offences), in paragraphs 7 and 8 (forfeiture and disposal of firearms), for “or 24(4)” there is substituted “, 24(4) or 24ZA(1)”.

Commencement Information

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