



Offensive Weapons Act 2019

2019 CHAPTER 17

PART 1

CORROSIVE PRODUCTS AND SUBSTANCES

Possession of corrosive substances

11 Search for corrosive substances: Scotland

- (1) This section applies if a constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person—
 - (a) is carrying a corrosive substance, and
 - (b) has committed or is committing an offence under section 6.
- (2) The constable may search the person without warrant, and detain the person for such time as is reasonably required to permit the search to be carried out.
- (3) If in the course of the search the constable finds a substance which the constable reasonably suspects to be a corrosive substance, the constable may seize and retain the substance and any article in which it is contained.
- (4) If a constable detains a person under this section the constable must inform the person of the reason for doing so.
- (5) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) intentionally obstructs a constable in the exercise of the constable's powers under this section, or
 - (b) conceals a corrosive substance from a constable acting in the exercise of those powers.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (5) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (7) In this section “corrosive substance” has the same meaning as in section 6.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offensive Weapons Act 2019, Section 11. (See end of Document for details)*

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Commencement Information

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