



# Prevention of Crime Act 1953

**1953 CHAPTER 14 1 and 2 Eliz 2**

An Act to prohibit the carrying of offensive weapons in public places without lawful authority or reasonable excuse. [6th May 1953]

**Changes to legislation:**

Prevention of Crime Act 1953, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 June 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1ZA(1)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 37(1A)(c) word omitted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 37(1A)(e) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)