



Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969

1969 CHAPTER 16

POSSESSION OF HOUSEBREAKING IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

24 Going equipped for stealing, etc.

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence if, when not at his place of abode, he has with him any article for use in the course of, or in connection with, any burglary, theft or cheat.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall, on conviction on indictment, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.
- (3) Where a person is charged with an offence under this section, proof that he had with him any article made or adapted for use in committing a burglary, theft or cheat shall be evidence that he had it with him for such use.
- (4) Any person may arrest without warrant anyone who is, or whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be, committing an offence under this section.
- (5) For purposes of this section, an offence under section 12(2) of taking a conveyance and an offence under [^{F1} Article 172 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981] of taking a motor vehicle shall be treated as theft, and “cheat” means an offence under section 15.

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Status:

Point in time view as at 01/01/2006.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.