



# Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001

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## 7 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“abuse” includes violence, harassment, threatening conduct, and any other conduct giving rise, or likely to give rise, to physical or mental injury, fear, alarm or distress;

“conduct” includes—

- (a) speech; and
- (b) presence in a specified place or area;

“court” means the Court of Session or a sheriff;

“documents” includes documents in electronic form;

“interdict” includes interim interdict;

“interdicted person” means—

- (a) in section 1, the person against whom the power of arrest is sought (being the person or one of the persons prohibited by the interdict mentioned in subsection (1) of that section); and
- (b) in sections 2 and 4, the person against whom the power of arrest has been granted;

“parental responsibilities and rights” has the same meaning as in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.36);

“person” means natural person;

“power of arrest” means a power of arrest under this Act; and

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules of court.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001, Section 7.