



Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

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[^{F1}Criminal investigations

[^{F1}9A. Victims' right to protection during criminal investigations

- (1) During a criminal investigation into an offence or alleged offence, the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland must ensure that—
- (a) a relevant interview is conducted without undue delay after a complaint about the offence or alleged offence has been made to a constable,
 - (b) the number of relevant interviews is kept to a minimum,
 - (c) relevant interviews are carried out only where strictly necessary for the purposes of the criminal investigation,
 - (d) during a relevant interview, the person who is or appears to be a victim in relation to the offence or alleged offence is permitted to be accompanied by the person's chosen legal representative and a person of the person's choice, unless a constable makes a reasoned decision to the contrary, and
 - (e) medical examinations of the person who is or appears to be a victim in relation to the offence or alleged offence are kept to a minimum and are carried out only where strictly necessary for the purposes of the investigation.
- (2) In this section, a “relevant interview” means an interview of a person who is or appears to be the victim in relation to an offence or alleged offence conducted or arranged by a constable for the purposes of a criminal investigation into the offence or alleged offence.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 9A-9C and cross-heading inserted (23.12.2015) by [The Victims' Rights \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/444\)](#), regs. 1(2), 13

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014, Section 9A.