



# Child Abduction Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 37

### PART I

#### OFFENCES UNDER LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES

#### **4 Penalties and prosecutions.**

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under this Part of this Act shall be liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, <sup>F1</sup> . . . or to both such imprisonment and fine;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years.
- (2) No prosecution for an offence under section 1 above shall be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 4(1)(a) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt.XIV**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Child Abduction Act 1984, Section 4.