



2022 CHAPTER 17

Stalking protection orders

Offences relating to notification

16.—(1) A person commits an offence if the person—

- (a) fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 14(1), (3) or (4),
- (b) notifies to the police, in purported compliance with section 14(1), (3) or (4), any information which the person knows to be false, or
- (c) fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 15(3).

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or a fine (or both), or
- (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both).

(3) A person commits an offence under subsection (1)(a) on the day on which the person first fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 14(1), (3) or (4).

(4) The person continues to commit the offence throughout any period during which the failure continues.

(5) But the person may not be prosecuted more than once in respect of the same failure.

Commencement Information

II S. 16 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 22\(2\)](#)

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I2 S. 16 in operation at 19.10.2023 by S.R. 2023/174, **art. 2**

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