



# Criminal Law Act 1967

## 1967 CHAPTER 58

### PART I

#### FELONY AND MISDEMEANOUR

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>2** Arrest without warrant.

- (1) The powers of summary arrest conferred by the following subsections shall apply to offences for which the sentence is fixed by law or for which a person (not previously convicted) may under or by virtue of any enactment be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of five years [<sup>F2</sup>(or might be so sentenced but for the restrictions imposed by [<sup>F3</sup>section 33 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980)] and to attempts to commit any such offence; and in this Act, including any amendment made by this Act in any other enactment, "arrestable offence" means any such offence or attempt.

[<sup>F4</sup>The said restrictions are those which apply where, in pursuance of [<sup>F5</sup>subsection (2) of section 22 of the said Act of 1980] (certain offences to be tried summarily if value involved is small) a magistrates' court summarily convicts a person of a scheduled offence within the meaning of [<sup>F6</sup>the said section 22].]

- (2) Any person may arrest without warrant anyone who is, or whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be, in the act of committing an arrestable offence.
- (3) Where an arrestable offence has been committed, any person may arrest without warrant anyone who is, or whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be, guilty of the offence.
- (4) Where a constable, with reasonable cause, suspects that an arrestable offence has been committed, he may arrest without warrant anyone whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be guilty of the offence.
- (5) A constable may arrest without warrant any person who is, or whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be, about to commit an arrestable offence.

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- (6) For the purpose of arresting a person under any power conferred by this section a constable may enter (if need be, by force) and search any place where that person is or where the constable, with reasonable cause, suspects him to be.
- (7) This section shall not . . . <sup>F7</sup> prejudice any power of arrest conferred by law apart from this section.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 2 repealed (E.W.) by Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60, SIF 95), s. 119(2), **Sch. 7 Pt. I**
- F2** Words inserted by Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45), s. 65(7), **Sch. 12**
- F3** Words substituted by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), **Sch. 7 para. 61**
- F4** Words added by Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45), s. 65(7), **Sch. 12**
- F5** Words substituted by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), **Sch. 7 para. 61**
- F6** Words substituted by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), **Sch. 7 para. 61**
- F7** Words repealed by Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975 (c. 59), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 2 extended by Theft Act 1968 (c. 60), s. 12(3)

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