# Highways Act 1980

**1980 CHAPTER 66**

## PART IX

LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

*Damage to highways, streets etc.*

### 132 Unauthorised marks on highways.

(1) A person who, without either the consent of the highway authority for the highway in question or an authorisation given by or under an enactment or a reasonable excuse, paints or otherwise inscribes or affixes any picture, letter, sign or other mark upon the surface of a highway or upon any tree, structure or works on or in a highway is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding **[**[F1]level 4 on the standard scale**]**.

(2) The highway authority for a highway may, without prejudice to their powers apart from this subsection and whether or not proceedings in respect of the matter have been taken in pursuance of subsection (1) above, remove any picture, letter, sign or other mark which has, without either the consent of the authority or an authorisation given by or under an enactment, been painted or otherwise inscribed or affixed upon the surface of the highway or upon any tree, structure or works on or in the highway.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 132(1) substituted by Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 35**, 37 , 38, 46 (with s. 47)

**Changes to legislation:**
Highways Act 1980, Section 132 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 September 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 79(15)(aa) inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 54(b)
- s. 90B(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 15(3)
- s. 90C(2)(2A) substituted for s. 90C(2) by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 16(3)
- s. 90FA inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 20
- s. 118ZA(5)(a) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 25(3)
- s. 120(3ZA) inserted by 2000 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13(6)
- s. 121E(1A)(1B) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 23(5)
- s. 146(6) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(6)(d)
- s. 147(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(3)
- s. 147(5A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(5)
- s. 203(2)(b)(ia) inserted by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(2)(b)
- s. 219(1)(a)(i)(ii) inserted by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(3)
- s. 220(1A) inserted by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(4)(b)
- s. 223(1A) inserted by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(5)(b)
- s. 223(5A) inserted by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(5)(d)
- s. 223(5B)-(6) s. 223(6) renumbered as s. 223(5B)(6) by S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6(5)(e)
- s. 322(5)(ab) inserted by 2004 c. 18 s. 64(2)
- s. 325(2B) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 21
- s. 337(c) inserted by 2024 asc 3 Sch. 3 para. 2(10)(b)
- Sch. 6 para. 1(3ZA) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(2)(b)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(2ZA)-(2ZE) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(3)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(4) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(4)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(5)(6) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(5)
- Sch. 6 para. 2ZZA inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(6)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(2) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(c)
- Sch. 6 para. 5(ba) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(8)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words renumbered as Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(a)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words substituted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(b)
- Sch. 6 Pt. 1 para. 2B(4) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 25(6)