



Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 60

PART II

RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY DECISIONS

[^{F1}24A Power to order disclosure of child's whereabouts.

(1) Where—

- (a) in proceedings for the return of a child under Part I of this Act; or
- (b) on an application for the recognition, registration or enforcement of a decision in respect of a child under Part II of this Act,

there is not available to the court adequate information as to where the child is, the court may order any person who it has reason to believe may have relevant information to disclose it to the court.

(2) A person shall not be excused from complying with an order under subsection (1) above by reason that to do so may incriminate him or his spouse [^{F2}or civil partner] of an offence; but a statement or admission made in compliance with such an order shall not be admissible in evidence against either of them in proceedings for any offence other than perjury.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 24A inserted by [Family Law Act 1986 \(c. 55, SIF 49:9, 10\)](#), s. 67(4)

F2 Words in s. 24A(2) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 263(10)(b), [Sch. 27 para. 110](#); [S.I. 2005/3175](#), art. 2(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 24A applied (with modifications) (1.3.1997) by [S.I. 1996/3156](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

S. 24A applied (with modifications) (2.12.1997) by [S.I. 1997/2574](#) art. 2, [Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, Section 24A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 March 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.

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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):

- Sch. 3 para. 8(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)