



# Public Order Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 64

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 3A

#### HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS [<sup>F1</sup>OR GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION]

##### *Inflammatory material*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>29H Powers of entry and search

- (1) If<sup>F2</sup> . . . a justice of the peace is satisfied by information on oath laid by a constable that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person has possession of written material or a recording in contravention of section 29G, the justice may issue a warrant under his hand authorising any constable to enter and search the premises where it is suspected the material or recording is situated.
- (2) <sup>F3</sup> . . . . .
- (3) A constable entering or searching premises in pursuance of a warrant issued under this section may use reasonable force if necessary.
- (4) In this section “premises” means any place and, in particular, includes—
  - (a) any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or hovercraft,
  - (b) any offshore installation as defined in section 12 of the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971, and
  - (c) any tent or movable structure.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2007 except so far as relating to the insertion of ss. 29B(3), 29H(2), 29I(2) (b)(4)) by [Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 \(c. 1\)](#), ss. 1, 3(2), [Sch.](#); S.I. 2007/2490, [art. 2](#)
- F2** Words in s. 29H(1) repealed (8.5.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 74, 149, 153(1)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 12\(2\)](#), [Sch. 28 Pt. 5](#)

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**F3** S. 29H(2) repealed (8.5.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 74, 149, 153(1)(j), Sch. 16 para. 12(3), **Sch. 28 Pt. 5**

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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):

- s. 4B inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 1](#)