

*These notes refer to the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (c.23) which received Royal Assent on 27 July 1999*

# **YOUTH JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part II: Giving of evidence or information for purposes of criminal proceedings**

##### ***Chapter I: Special Measures directions in case of vulnerable or intimidated witnesses***

##### ***Section 32: Warning to jury***

131. This section provides for the jury to be warned, if the judge thinks it necessary, that the fact that special measures have been made available to a witness should not prejudice the conclusions they might draw about the defendant. This will be particularly relevant where, for example, intimidated witnesses are screened from the defendant: this should not be taken as justifying a conclusion that the defendant is dangerous.