



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 6

PART 2

POLICE POWERS

Searches and samples

41 Intimate searches

- (1) In Article 56 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)) (intimate searches) after paragraph (5) insert—

“(5A) A person may use reasonable force, if necessary, in carrying out an intimate search as mentioned in paragraph (4) or (5).”

- (2) Subsection (1) comes into force in accordance with provision made by the [^{F1}Department of Justice] by order.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 41(2) substituted (18.10.2012) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/2595), arts. 1(2), **11(3)** (with arts. 24-28)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 41 partly in force; s. 41(2) in force at Royal Assent, see 41(2)

Changes to legislation:

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003, Section 41 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 May 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):

- s. 30(1)(d) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) art. 6\(1\)](#)
- s. 30(1)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 3](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(b\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(11) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 4](#)
- s. 30(11) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(c\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- [Sch. 2 Pt. 3A](#) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(3\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- [Sch. 2A para. 17A](#) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 12\(6\)](#)
- [Sch. 4 Pt. 3A](#) inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 5](#)