



# Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 38

### PART 2

#### WEAPONS ETC.

##### *Imitation firearms*

#### **40 Supplying imitation firearms to minors**

(1) After section 24 of the 1968 Act insert—

##### **“24A Supplying imitation firearms to minors**

- (1) It is an offence for a person under the age of eighteen to purchase an imitation firearm.
- (2) It is an offence to sell an imitation firearm to a person under the age of eighteen.
- (3) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (2) it is a defence to show that the person charged with the offence—
  - (a) believed the other person to be aged eighteen or over; and
  - (b) had reasonable ground for that belief.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a person shall be taken to have shown the matters specified in subsection (3) if—
  - (a) sufficient evidence of those matters is adduced to raise an issue with respect to them; and
  - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond a reasonable doubt.”

(2) In the table in Part 1 of Schedule 6 (punishment), after the entry for section 24(4) insert—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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“Section 24A(1) or (2)	Acquisition by a minor of an imitation firearm and supplying him.	Summary	In England and Wales, 51 weeks or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale, or both. In Scotland, 6 months, or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale, or both.	—”
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- (3) In relation to an offence committed in England and Wales before the commencement of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), the reference to 51 weeks in the entry inserted by subsection (2) of this section is to be read as a reference to 6 months.