



Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 26

PROSPECTIVE

Offences

1 Offences relating to glue traps in England

- (1) A person who sets a glue trap in England for the purpose of catching a rodent commits an offence.
- (2) A person who sets a glue trap in England in a manner which gives rise to a risk that a rodent will become caught in the glue trap commits an offence.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if the glue trap is set under, and in accordance with the terms of, a glue trap licence (see [section 2](#)).
- (4) A person who knowingly causes or permits an offence to be committed under [subsection \(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#) commits an offence.
- (5) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) finds a glue trap in England that has been set in a manner which gives rise to a risk that a rodent will become caught in the glue trap, and
 - (b) without reasonable excuse, fails to ensure that the glue trap no longer gives rise to such a risk.
- (6) If the person reasonably believes that the glue trap was set under, and in accordance with the terms of, a glue trap licence, the person has a reasonable excuse for the purposes of [subsection \(5\)\(b\)](#).
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under [subsection \(1\)](#), [\(2\)](#) or [\(4\)](#) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks or a fine (or both).
- (8) A person guilty of an offence under [subsection \(5\)](#) is liable on summary conviction to a fine.

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Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)*

(9) In relation to an offence committed before section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, the reference in [subsection \(7\)](#) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to six months.

(10) The court by which a person is convicted of an offence under [this section](#)—

- (a) must order the person to forfeit any glue trap in the person's possession or control which has been used in the course of, or in connection with, that offence, and
- (b) may order the person to forfeit any other glue trap in the person's possession or control.

(11) In this Act “glue trap” means a trap which—

- (a) is designed, or is capable of being used, to catch a rodent, and
- (b) uses an adhesive substance as the means, or one of the means, of capture.

Commencement Information

II S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 10\(2\)](#)

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