



Public Order Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

SERIOUS DISRUPTION PREVENTION ORDERS

Offences

27 Offences relating to a serious disruption prevention order

- (1) Where a serious disruption prevention order has effect in respect of a person (“P”), P commits an offence if P—
 - (a) fails without reasonable excuse to do anything P is required to do by the order,
 - (b) without reasonable excuse does anything P is prohibited from doing by the order, or
 - (c) notifies to the police, in purported compliance with the order, any information which P knows to be false.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum term for summary offences, to a fine or to both.
- (3) In subsection (2) “the maximum term for summary offences” means—
 - (a) if the offence is committed before the time when section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (alteration of penalties for certain summary offences: England and Wales) comes into force, six months;
 - (b) if the offence is committed after that time, 51 weeks.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(5\)](#)
- 12** S. 27 in force at 5.4.2024 by [S.I. 2024/472](#), [reg. 2\(h\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Order Act 2023, Section 27.