



# Public Order Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 15

### PART 3

#### GENERAL

#### **34 Meaning of serious disruption**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the cases in which individuals or an organisation may suffer serious disruption include, in particular, where the individuals or the organisation—
- (a) are by way of physical obstruction prevented, or hindered to more than a minor degree, from carrying out—
    - (i) their day-to-day activities (including in particular the making of a journey),
    - (ii) construction or maintenance works, or
    - (iii) activities related to such works,
  - (b) are prevented from making or receiving, or suffer a delay that is more than minor to the making or receiving of, a delivery of a time-sensitive product, or
  - (c) are prevented from accessing, or suffer a disruption that is more than minor to the accessing of, any essential goods or any essential service.
- (2) In this section—
- (a) “time-sensitive product” means a product whose value or use to its consumers may be significantly reduced by a delay in the supply of the product to them;
  - (b) a reference to accessing essential goods or essential services includes in particular a reference to accessing—
    - (i) the supply of money, food, water, energy or fuel,
    - (ii) a system of communication,
    - (iii) a place of worship,
    - (iv) a transport facility,
    - (v) an educational institution, or
    - (vi) a service relating to health.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Public Order Act 2023, Section 34. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 34 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(5\)](#)
- I2** [S. 34](#) in force at 3.5.2023 by [S.I. 2023/502](#), [reg. 2\(f\)](#)

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