



Street Offences Act 1959

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1 Loitering or soliciting for purposes of prostitution.

(1) It shall be an offence for a common prostitute [^{F1}(whether male or female)] to loiter or solicit in a street or public place for the purpose of prostitution.

[^{F2}(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale, ^{F3} . . . or, for an offence committed after a previous conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 3 on that scale.]

(3) A constable may arrest without warrant anyone he finds in a street or public place and suspects, with reasonable cause, to be committing an offence under this section.

(4) For the purposes of this section “street” includes any bridge, road, lane, footway, subway, square, court, alley or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, which is for the time being open to the public; and the doorways and entrances of premises abutting on a street (as hereinbefore defined), and any ground adjoining and open to a street, shall be treated as forming part of the street.

^{F4}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) inserted (1.5.2004) by [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 141, [Sch. 1 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2004/874](#), art. 2
- F2** S. 1(2) substituted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 82\)](#), s. 71
- F3** Words in s. 1(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt.XIV](#).
- F4** S. 1(5) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/05/2004. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Street Offences Act 1959, Section 1.