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Offences against the Person Act 1861

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Acts causing or tending to cause Danger to Life or Bodily Harm

20 **Inflicting bodily injury, with or without weapon.** **E+W**

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously wound or inflict any grievous bodily harm upon any other person, either with or without any weapon or instrument, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable . . . ^{F1} to be kept in penal servitude . . . ^{F1}

Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 16, 20, 26, 27, 34, 36, 38, 47, 57, 60 amended as to mode of trial by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43, SIF 82\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- C2** Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 extended by [Internationally Protected Persons Act 1978 \(c. 17, SIF 39:2\)](#), [s. 1](#)
- C3** Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 extended by [Aviation Security Act 1982 \(c. 36, SIF 9\)](#), [s. 6\(1\)](#)
- C4** Ss. 18, 20 extended (2.10.1991) by [Nuclear Material \(Offences\) Act 1983 \(c. 18, SIF 8\)](#), [ss. 1\(1\), 8\(2\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1716](#)
- C5** Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 applied by [Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 \(c. 31, SIF 39:2\)](#), [ss. 11\(7\), 14\(2\), 18\(2\)](#)
- C6** S. 20 extended (27.4.1997) by [1997 c. 13, ss. 1\(2\)\(b\), 10\(2\)](#)

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20 Inflicting bodily injury, with or without weapon. **N.I.**

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously wound or inflict any grievous bodily harm upon any other person, either with or without any weapon or instrument, [^{F2}shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years.]

Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales only

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 20 substituted (N.I.) (28.9.2004) by The Criminal Justice (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (S.I.2004/1991(N.I. 15)), {art. 4 (1)}

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