



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- F1** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)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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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 20. (See end of Document for details)

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)}

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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