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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1341**

**The Police and Criminal Evidence  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

**PART VI**

**QUESTIONING AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS BY POLICE**

**Abolition of certain powers of constables to search persons**

**54.**—(1) <sup>F1</sup> . . . , there shall cease to have effect any statutory provision made before the date of the coming into operation of this Order in so far as it authorises—

- (a) any search by a constable of a person in police detention at a police station; or
- (b) an intimate search of a person by a constable;

and any rule of common law which authorises a search such as is mentioned in sub#paragraph (a) or (b) is abolished.

*Para. (2) rep. by 2000 c. 11*

**Changes to legislation:**

The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, Section 54 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- various legislation applied by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 161\(2\)\(a\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Order applied by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 150\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Order excluded by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 1 para. 7\(5\)](#)
- Order extended by [2003 c. 6 Sch. 4 para. 23A \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 5](#)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):**

- Sch. 2A para. 1(4) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 2(2)(c) and word inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 9(4) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 10(5) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(3\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 2(2)(b) words substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- art. 62(10)(ab) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#), Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(b) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(e\)](#)
- art. 3(9ZA)(9ZB) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 12\(5\)](#)
- art. 19(1)(cc) inserted by [S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I.\) art. 18\(2\)](#)
- art. 53(3A)(3B) inserted by [2013 c. 7 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- art. 53(3A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- art. 53(4) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 9\(6\)](#)
- art. 53B inserted by [2013 c. 7 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- art. 56(13A)(b)(iii) and word substituted for word by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 6\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 56(13A)(b)(iii) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#), Sch. 2 para. 6(1)(b) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(e\)](#)
- art. 56A(9)(b)(iii) and word substituted for word by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 56A(9)(b)(iii) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#), Sch. 2 para. 6(2)(b) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(e\)](#)
- art. 61(5A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 8\(1\)](#)
- art. 61(5A)(b) words substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 61(5B) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- art. 61(5B)(b) words substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 61(5C) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 61(6)-(6ZD) substituted for art. 61(6) by [2010 c. 17 s. 8\(3\)](#)
- art. 61(6D)-(6G) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- art. 61(6BA) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 12\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 12 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of [2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31\(2\)](#), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- art. 62(2A)(2B) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- art. 62(10)(ab) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 6\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 62(10)(ab) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#), Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(b) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(e\)](#)
- art. 63(3A)(c)(i) word substituted by [2013 c. 7 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 4](#)
- art. 63(3B)-(3BD) substituted for art. 63(3B) by [2010 c. 17 s. 8\(7\)](#)

- art. 63(3C) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 12\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 12 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- art. 63(3D)-(3G) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- art. 63(3AA) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 63(3ZA) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 8\(5\)](#)
- art. 63(3ZA)(b)(iii) and word inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 63A(1E)(1F) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 11\(1\)](#)
- art. 63A(6A) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 12\(4\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 12 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- art. 63B-63R inserted by [2013 c. 7 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2](#)
- art. 63D(1)(a) substituted by [2019 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 63D(1)(a)(i) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1386 Sch. para. 9\(5\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertions of ss. 63D and 63DA by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.), Sch. 2 and 2019 c. 3, Sch. 2 para. 5 respectively are still prospective)
- art. 63D(14) words inserted by [2019 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 63D(14) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1386 Sch. para. 9\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertions of ss. 63D and 63DA by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.), Sch. 2 and 2019 c. 3, Sch. 2 para. 5 respectively are still prospective)
- art. 63N substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 86](#)
- art. 63R(4A) inserted by [2019 c. 3 Sch. 4 para. 20\(9\)](#)
- art. 63R(4B) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 5\(8\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of art. 63R by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.) Sch. 2 remains prospective at 31.12.2023.)
- art. 63R(5) words substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 87\(a\)](#)
- art. 63R(5A)(5B) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 87\(b\)](#)
- art. 63DA inserted by [2019 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- art. 63DA heading words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1386 Sch. para. 9\(6\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertions of ss. 63D and 63DA by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.), Sch. 2 and 2019 c. 3, Sch. 2 para. 5 respectively are still prospective)
- art. 63DA(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1386 Sch. para. 9\(6\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertions of ss. 63D and 63DA by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.), Sch. 2 and 2019 c. 3, Sch. 2 para. 5 respectively are still prospective)
- art. 63DA(4) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1386 Sch. para. 9\(6\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertions of ss. 63D and 63DA by 2013 c. 7 (N.I.), Sch. 2 and 2019 c. 3, Sch. 2 para. 5 respectively are still prospective)
- art. 63GA inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 84](#)
- art. 63KA inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 85](#)
- art. 64(1AA) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 12\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 12 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- art. 64(1AB) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 15\(5\)](#)
- art. 89(2A) inserted by [2013 c. 7 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 5](#)