



# Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018

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### PART 1 **S**

#### OFFENCE AS TO DOMESTIC ABUSE

##### *Meaning given to key expressions*

#### **10**      **Meaning of references to behaviour** **S**

- (1) Subsections (2) to (4) explain what is meant by the references to behaviour in this Part.
- (2) Behaviour is behaviour of any kind, including (for example)—
  - (a) saying or otherwise communicating something as well as doing something,
  - (b) intentionally failing—
    - (i) to do something,
    - (ii) to say or otherwise communicate something.
- (3) Behaviour directed at a person is such behaviour however carried out, including (in particular)—
  - (a) by way of conduct towards property,
  - (b) through making use of a third party,as well as behaviour in a personal or direct manner.
- (4) A course of behaviour involves behaviour on at least two occasions.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II**    **S. 10** in force at 1.4.2019 by **S.S.I. 2018/387, reg. 2** (with **reg. 4**)

#### **11**      **Meaning of partner and ex-partner** **S**

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) describe who is a person's partner or ex-partner as referred to in this Part.
- (2) Someone is a person's partner if they are—

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- (a) spouses or civil partners of each other,
  - (b) living together as if spouses of each other, or
  - (c) in an intimate personal relationship with each other.
- (3) Whether someone is a person's ex-partner is to be determined accordingly.

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