



Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021

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PART 1

DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTION NOTICES AND ORDERS

Persons to whom, and behaviour to which, notices and orders may relate

3 What constitutes abusive behaviour

- (1) [Subsections \(2\) to \(4\)](#) elaborate on when behaviour by person A is abusive of person B.
- (2) Behaviour which is abusive of person B includes (in particular)—
 - (a) behaviour directed at person B that is violent, threatening or intimidating,
 - (b) behaviour directed at person B, at a child of person B or at another person that either—
 - (i) has as its purpose (or among its purposes) one or more of the relevant effects set out in [subsection \(3\)](#), or
 - (ii) would be considered by a reasonable person to be likely to have one or more of the relevant effects set out in [subsection \(3\)](#).
- (3) The relevant effects are of—
 - (a) making person B dependent on, or subordinate to, person A,
 - (b) isolating person B from friends, relatives or other sources of support,
 - (c) controlling, regulating or monitoring person B's day-to-day activities,
 - (d) depriving person B of, or restricting person B's, freedom of action,
 - (e) frightening, humiliating, degrading or punishing person B.
- (4) In [subsection \(2\)\(a\)](#), the reference to violent behaviour includes sexual violence as well as physical violence.