



Theft Act 1968

CHAPTER 60

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Definition of " theft "

- 1 Basic definition of theft
- 2 " Dishonestly "
- 3 " Appropriates "
- 4 " Property "
- 5 " Belonging to another "
- 6 "With the intention of permanently depriving the other of it"

Theft, robbery, burglary, etc.

- 7 Theft
- 8 Robbery
- 9 Burglary
- 10 Aggravated burglary
- 11 Removal of articles from places open to the public
- 12 Taking motor vehicle or other conveyance without authority
- 13 Abstracting of electricity
- 14 Extension to thefts from mails outside England and Wales, and robbery etc. on such a theft

Fraud and blackmail

- 15 Obtaining property by deception
- 16 Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception
- 17 False accounting
- 18 Liability of company officers for certain offences by company
- 19 False statements by company directors, etc.
- 20 Suppression, etc. of documents

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

21 Blackmail

Offences relating to goods stolen etc.

- 22 Handling stolen goods
23 Advertising rewards for return of goods stolen or lost
24 Scope of offences relating to stolen goods

Possession of housebreaking implements, etc.

- 25 Going equipped for stealing etc.

Enforcement and procedure

- 26 Search for stolen goods
27 Evidence and procedure on charge of theft or handling stolen goods
28 Orders for restitution
29 Jurisdiction of quarter sessions, and summary trial

General and consequential provisions

- 30 Husband and wife
31 Effect on civil proceedings and rights
32 Effect on existing law and construction of references to offences
33 Miscellaneous and consequential amendments, and repeal

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- 34 Interpretation
35 Commencement and transitional provisions
36 Short title, and general provisions as to Scotland and Northern Ireland

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Offences of Taking, etc. Deer or Fish

Taking or killing deer

- 1 (1) A person who unlawfully takes or kills, or attempts...

Taking or destroying fish

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a person who unlawfully...

SCHEDULE 2 — Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments
PART I

Amendments of Post Office Act 1953

- 1 The Post Office Act 1953 shall have effect subject to...
2 Sections 22 and 23 shall be amended by substituting for...
3 In section 52, as it applies outside England and Wales,...
4 In section 53 for the words from "be guilty" onwards...
5 In section 54, as it applies outside England and Wales.—...
6 In sections 55 and 58(1), after the word " imprisonment",...
7 In section 57— (a) there shall be omitted the words...

- 8 After section 65 there shall be inserted as a new...
- 9 Section 69(2) shall be omitted.
- 10 For section 70 there shall be substituted the following section—...
- 11 In section 72 there shall be added as a new...
- 12 In section 87(1), the definition of "valuable security"...

PART II

Other amendments extending beyond England and Wales

PART III

Amendments limited to England and Wales

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

PART I — PENAL ENACTMENTS SUPERSEDED BY THIS ACT

PART II — OBSOLETE AND REDUNDANT ENACTMENTS

PART III — CONSEQUENTIAL REPEALS