



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 10

COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCES

False and threatening communications offences

180 Exemptions from offence under section 179

- (1) A recognised news publisher cannot commit an offence under section 179.
- (2) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the holder of a licence under the Broadcasting Act 1990 or 1996 in connection with anything done under the authority of the licence.
- (3) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the holder of a multiplex licence in connection with anything done under the authority of the licence.
- (4) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the provider of an on-demand programme service in connection with anything done in the course of providing such a service.
- (5) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed in connection with the showing of a film made for cinema to members of the public.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 180 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
I2 S. 180 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31](#), [reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Online Safety Act 2023. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

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

- s. 80(6A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)