



Offences against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100 24 and 25 Vict

Acts causing or tending to cause Danger to Life or Bodily Harm

27 Exposing children whereby life is endangered.

Whosoever shall unlawfully abandon or expose any child, being under the age of two years, whereby the life of such child shall be endangered, or the health of such child shall have been or shall be likely to be permanently injured, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable . . . ^{F1} to be kept in penal servitude . . . ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#) and [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 16, 20, 26, 27, 34, 36, 38, 47, 57, 60 amended as to mode of trial by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43, SIF 82\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 5](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 27.