



2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS

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**96.**—(1) Section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (offence of causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) in paragraph (a) after “dies” insert “or suffers serious physical harm”;
- (b) in paragraph (d) for “V’s death” substitute “the death or serious physical harm”.

(3) In subsection (3)(a) for “V’s death” substitute “the death or serious physical harm”.

(4) In subsection (4)(b) for “V’s death” substitute “the death or serious physical harm”.

(5) In subsection (7) after “this section” insert “of causing or allowing a person’s death”.

(6) After that subsection insert—

“(8) A person guilty of an offence under this section of causing or allowing a person to suffer serious physical harm is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to a fine, or to both.”.

(7) For the cross-heading before section 5 substitute “Causing or allowing a child or vulnerable adult to die or suffer serious physical harm”.

(8) Schedule 6 (which contains amendments consequential on this section) has effect.