



2022 CHAPTER 17

Stalking protection orders

Applications for orders

7.—(1) A stalking protection order is an order which, for the purpose of preventing a person from carrying out acts associated with stalking—

- (a) prohibits the person from doing anything described in the order, or
- (b) requires the person to do anything described in the order.

(2) The Chief Constable may apply to a court of summary jurisdiction for a stalking protection order against a person (“D”) if it appears to the Chief Constable that—

- (a) D has carried out acts associated with stalking,
- (b) D poses a risk associated with stalking to another person, and
- (c) there is reasonable cause to believe the proposed order is necessary to protect another person from such a risk (whether or not the other person was a victim of the acts mentioned in paragraph (a)).

(3) The Chief Constable may apply for a stalking protection order only against a person—

- (a) who resides in Northern Ireland, or
- (b) who the Chief Constable believes is in, or is intending to come to, Northern Ireland.

(4) It does not matter—

- (a) whether the acts mentioned in subsection (2)(a) were carried out in a part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere, or

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- (b) whether they were carried out before or after the coming into operation of this section.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 7 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 22\(2\)](#)
- I2** S. 7 in operation at 19.10.2023 by [S.R. 2023/174](#), [art. 2](#)

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