



2023 CHAPTER 1

Offences in respect of a safe access zone

5.—(1) In this section, D means a person who is not a protected person.

(2) It is an offence for D to do an act in a safe access zone with the intent of, or reckless as to whether it has the effect of—

- (a) influencing a protected person, whether directly or indirectly,
- (b) preventing or impeding access by a protected person, or
- (c) causing harassment, alarm or distress to a protected person,

in connection with the protected person attending protected premises for a purpose mentioned in section 3.

(3) It is an offence for D to record a protected person who is in a safe access zone without the consent of that person, with the intent of, or reckless as to whether it has the effect of—

- (a) influencing a protected person, whether directly or indirectly,
- (b) preventing or impeding access by a protected person, or
- (c) causing harassment, alarm or distress to a protected person,

in connection with the protected person attending protected premises for a purpose mentioned in section 3.

(4) An offence under this section is punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

II S. 5 in operation at 7.5.2023, see [s. 10\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023, Section 5.