



# Firearms Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 27

### PART III

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

#### 46 Power of search with warrant.

- (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland, the sheriff . . . <sup>F1</sup>, is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence relevant for the purposes of this section has been, is being, or is about to be committed, he may grant a search warrant authorising a constable [<sup>F2</sup>named therein]—
- (a) to enter at any time any premises or place named in the warrant, if necessary by force, and to search the premises or place and every person found there;
  - (b) to seize and detain any firearm or ammunition which he may find on the premises or place, or on any such person, in respect of which or in connection with which he has reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence relevant for the purposes of this section has been, is being or is about to be committed; and
  - (c) if the premises are those of a registered firearms dealer, to examine any books relating to the business.
- (2) The offences relevant for the purposes of this section are all offences under this Act except an offence under section 22(3) or an offence relating specifically to air weapons.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words repealed by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\), Sch. 29](#)

**F2** Words repealed (E.W.) by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\), s. 121\(1\), Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** [S. 46](#) applied by [Firearms \(Amendment\) Act 1988 \(c. 45, SIF 51:1\), s. 25\(5\)](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Firearms Act 1968, Section 46 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.