



# Criminal Damage Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 48

### **6 Search for things intended for use in committing offences of criminal damage.**

- (1) If it is made to appear by information on oath before a justice of the peace that there is reasonable cause to believe that any person has in his custody or under his control or on his premises anything which there is reasonable cause to believe has been used or is intended for use without lawful excuse—
  - (a) to destroy or damage property belonging to another; or
  - (b) to destroy or damage any property in a way likely to endanger the life of another,the justice may grant a warrant authorising any constable to search for and seize that thing.
- (2) A constable who is authorised under this section to search premises for anything, may enter (if need be by force) and search the premises accordingly and may seize anything which he believes to have been used or to be intended to be used as aforesaid.
- (3) The <sup>M1</sup>Police (Property) Act 1897 (disposal of property in the possession of the police) shall apply to property which has come into the possession of the police under this section as it applies to property which has come into the possession of the police in the circumstances mentioned in that Act.

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#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1897 c. 30.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Damage Act 1971, Section 6.