



# Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 45

### PART IV

#### OFFENCES, POWERS OF CONSTABLES, ETC.

##### *Offences of annoying, offensive, obstructive or dangerous behaviour*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>52A Possession of indecent photographs of children.

- (1) It is an offence for a person to have any indecent photograph of a child (meaning in this section a person under the age of 16) in his possession.
- (2) Where a person is charged with an offence under subsection (1), it shall be a defence for him to prove—
  - (a) that he had a legitimate reason for having the photograph in his possession; or
  - (b) that he had not himself seen the photograph and did not know, nor had any cause to suspect, it to be indecent; or
  - (c) that the photograph was sent to him without any prior request made by him or on his behalf and that he did not keep it for an unreasonable time.
- (3) A person shall be liable on summary conviction of an offence under this section to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (8) of section 52 of this Act shall have effect for the purposes of this section as they have for the purposes of that section.]

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 52A inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(c. 33, SIF 39:1, 2\)](#) s. 161(1)(2)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 05/11/1993. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 52A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 June 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.