



Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 36

PART XI **U.K.**

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous provisions

118 **Mentally disordered persons found in public places.** **S**

- (1) If a constable finds in a place to which the public have access a person who appears to him to be suffering from mental disorder and to be in immediate need of care or control, the constable may, if he thinks it necessary to do so in the interests of that person or for the protection of other persons, remove that person to a place of safety within the meaning of the last foregoing section.
- (2) A person removed to a place of safety under this section may be detained there for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of enabling him to be examined by a medical practitioner and of making any necessary arrangements for his treatment or care.
- (3) Where a patient is removed as aforesaid, it shall, where practicable, be the duty of the constable who has so removed him without delay to inform some responsible person residing with the patient and the nearest relative of the patient of that removal.

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/07/1999. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984, Section 118 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 October 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.