



Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 57

2 Offences in connection with alcohol, containers etc. at sports grounds.

- (1) A person who has [^{F1}alcohol] or an article to which this section applies in his possession—
- (a) at any time during the period of a designated sporting event when he is in any area of a designated sports ground from which the event may be directly viewed, or
 - (b) while entering or trying to enter a designated sports ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event at that ground,
- is guilty of an offence.

[^{F2}(1A) Subsection (1)(a) above has effect subject to section 5A(1) of this Act.]

- (2) A person who is drunk in a designated sports ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event at that ground or is drunk while entering or trying to enter such a ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event at that ground is guilty of an offence.
- (3) This section applies to any article capable of causing injury to a person struck by it, being—
- (a) a bottle, can or other portable container (including such an article when crushed or broken) which—
 - (i) is for holding any drink, and
 - (ii) is of a kind which, when empty, is normally discarded or returned to, or left to be recovered by, the supplier, or
 - (b) part of an article falling within paragraph (a) above;
- but does not apply to anything that is for holding any medicinal product (within the meaning of the ^{M1}Medicines Act 1968) [^{F3}or any veterinary medicinal product (within the meaning of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006)].

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 2(1) substituted (24.11.2005) by [Licensing Act 2003 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 201(2), [Sch. 6 para. 97\(c\)](#) (with [ss. 2\(3\)](#), [15\(2\)](#), [195](#)); [S.I. 2005/3056](#), art. 2(2)
- F2** S. 2(1A) inserted by [Public Order Act 1986 \(c. 64, SIF 39:2\)](#), s. 40(1), [Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- F3** Words in s. 2(3) added (1.10.2006) by [The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2407\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 9 para. 5](#) (with [regs. 2\(4\)](#), [3](#))
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Marginal Citations

- M1** [1968 c. 67](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 2(1A) repealed by [2003 c. 17 Sch. 6 para. 98](#)[Sch. 7](#)