



Family Law Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 55

PART I

CHILD CUSTODY

CHAPTER VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

33 Power to order disclosure of child's whereabouts.

- (1) Where in proceedings for or relating to a [^{F1}Part I order] in respect of a child there is not available to the court adequate information as to where the child is, the court may order any person who it has reason to believe may have relevant information to disclose it to the court.
- (2) A person shall not be excused from complying with an order under subsection (1) above by reason that to do so may incriminate him or his spouse [^{F2}or civil partner] of an offence; but a statement or admission made in compliance with such an order shall not be admissible in evidence against either of them in proceedings for any offence other than perjury.
- (3) A court in Scotland before which proceedings are pending for the enforcement of an order [^{F3}relating to parental responsibilities or parental rights in relation to] a child made outside the United Kingdom which is recognised in Scotland shall have the same powers as it would have under subsection (1) above if the order were its own.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989](#) (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108, [Sch. 13 para. 62\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 33(2) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004](#) (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), [Sch. 27 para. 124](#); S.I. 2005/3175, [art. 2\(2\)](#)

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F3 Words in s. 33(3) substituted (1.11.1996) by 1995 c. 36, s. 105(1)(4), **Sch. 4 para. 41(7)**; S.I. 1996/2203, art. 3(3), **Sch.**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(1)(ca)-(cc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- s. 2A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 2(1) by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 19(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 8](#)
- s. 29A inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 29\(2\)](#)
- s. 38(4) inserted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))