



# Public Order Act 1986

## CHAPTER 64

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#### PART I

##### NEW OFFENCES

- 1 Riot.
- 2 Violent disorder.
- 3 Affray.
- 4 Fear or provocation of violence.
- 4A Intentional harassment, alarm or distress.
- 5 Harassment, alarm or distress.
- 6 Mental element: miscellaneous.
- 7 Procedure: miscellaneous.
- 8 Interpretation.
- 9 Offences abolished.
- 10 Construction of other instruments.

#### PART II

##### PROCESSIONS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 11 Advance notice of public processions.
- 12 Imposing conditions on public processions.
- 13 Prohibiting public processions.
- 14 Imposing conditions on public assemblies.
- 14A Prohibiting trespassory assemblies.
- 14B Offences in connection with trespassory assemblies and arrest therefor.
- 14C Stopping persons from proceeding to trespassory assemblies.
- 15 Delegation.
- 16 Interpretation.

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### PART III

#### RACIAL HATRED

##### *Meaning of “racial hatred”*

17 Meaning of “racial hatred”.

##### *Acts intended or likely to stir up racial hatred*

- 18 Use of words or behaviour or display of written material.
- 19 Publishing or distributing written material.
- 20 Public performance of play.
- 21 Distributing, showing or playing a recording.
- 22 Broadcasting or including programme in cable programme service.

##### *Racially inflammatory material*

- 23 Possession of racially inflammatory material.
- 24 Powers of entry and search.
- 25 Power to order forfeiture.

##### *Supplementary provisions*

- 26 Savings for reports of parliamentary or judicial proceedings.
- 27 Procedure and punishment.
- 28 Offences by corporations.
- 29 Interpretation.

### PART 3A

#### HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

##### *Meaning of “religious hatred”*

- 29A Meaning of “religious hatred”
- 29AB Meaning of “hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation”

##### *Acts intended to stir up religious hatred*

- 29B Use of words or behaviour or display of written material
- 29C Publishing or distributing written material
- 29D Public performance of play
- 29E Distributing, showing or playing a recording
- 29F Broadcasting or including programme in programme service

##### *Inflammatory material*

- 29G Possession of inflammatory material
- 29H Powers of entry and search
- 29I Power to order forfeiture
- 29J Protection of freedom of expression
- 29JA Protection of freedom of expression (sexual orientation)

##### *Supplementary provisions*

- 29K Savings for reports of parliamentary or judicial proceedings
- 29L Procedure and punishment

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- 29M Offences by corporations
- 29N Interpretation

#### PART IV

- 30–37 .....

#### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

- 38 Contamination of or interference with goods with intention of causing public alarm or anxiety, etc.
- 39 Power to direct trespassers to leave land.
- 40 Amendments, repeals and savings.
- 41 Commencement.
- 42 Extent
- 43 Short title.

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#### SCHEDULES

- SCHEDULE 1 — Sporting Events
- Part I — ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Introduction*

- 1 The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985 shall...

##### *Vehicles*

- 2 The following shall be inserted after section 1 (offences in...

##### *Fireworks etc.*

- 3 The following shall be inserted after section 2 (offences in...

##### *Licensing etc.*

- 4 The following shall be inserted after section 5— Private facilities...

##### *Supplementary*

- 5 In sections 2 and 3, after subsection (1) insert—
- 6 In section 7(3) (power to stop and search vehicles), after...
- 7 (1) Section 8 (penalties) shall be amended as follows.

##### *Minor amendment*

- 8 Section 3(9) (notice varying order about sale or supply of...  
Part II — SCOTLAND

##### *Introduction*

- 9 Part V of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (sporting...

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*Vehicles*

- 10 After section 70 there shall be inserted the following— Alcohol...
- 11 In section 71 (defences in connection with carriage of alcohol)...
- 12 In section 75 (police powers of enforcement) for “or 70”...
- 13 In section 77 (interpretation of Part V)—

*Fireworks etc.*

- 14 (1) After section 72 there shall be inserted the following—...

SCHEDULE 2 — Other Amendments

*Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act 1875 (c.86)*

- 1 .....

*Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (c.14)*

- 2 In section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953...

*Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (c.45)*

- 3 (1) Part V of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982...

*Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c.48)*

- 4 The following shall be inserted at the end of Part...
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

*Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c.60)*

- 7 In section 17(1)(c) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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