



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Powers of constables and other authorised persons*

#### **163 Power of police to stop vehicles.**

- (1) A person driving a [<sup>F1</sup>mechanically propelled vehicle] on a road must stop the vehicle on being required to do so by a constable in uniform [<sup>F2</sup>or a traffic officer].
- (2) A person riding a cycle on a road must stop the cycle on being required to do so by a constable in uniform [<sup>F3</sup>or a traffic officer].
- (3) If a person fails to comply with this section he is guilty of an offence.
- [<sup>F4</sup>(4) A constable in uniform may arrest a person without warrant if he has reasonable cause to suspect that the person has committed an offence under this section.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 163(1) substituted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), s. 48, **Sch. 4 para. 67**; S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F2** Words in s. 163(1) inserted (E.W.) (4.10.2004 for E. and otherwise prosp.) by Traffic Management Act 2004 (c. 18), **ss. 6(4), 99** (with s. 38); S.I. 2004/2380, **art. 2(a)**
- F3** Words in s. 163(2) inserted (E.W.) (4.10.2004 for E. and otherwise prosp.) by Traffic Management Act 2004 (c. 18), **ss. 6(4), 99** (with s. 38); S.I. 2004/2380, **art. 2(a)**
- F4** S. 163(4) inserted (1.10.2002) by 2002 c. 30, **s. 49(1)(3)**; S.I. 2002/2306, **art. 2(d)(iv)**

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 163: power to extend conferred by Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27, SIF 107:1), **s. 96(2)(c)(ii)(3)** (as amended by Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54, SIF 107:1), s. 4, **Sch. 3 para. 25(6)(b)(7)(a)**)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/07/2005. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Road Traffic Act 1988, Section 163 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 July 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.