



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART I

#### PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

##### *Directions to traffic and to pedestrians and traffic signs*

#### 37 Directions to pedestrians.

Where a constable in uniform [<sup>F1</sup>or traffic officer] is for the time being engaged in the regulation of vehicular traffic in a road, a person on foot who proceeds across or along the carriageway in contravention of a direction to stop given by the constable in the execution of his duty [<sup>F2</sup>or the traffic officer (as the case may be)], either to persons on foot or to persons on foot and other traffic, is guilty of an offence.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 37 inserted (E.W.) (4.10.2004 for E. and 1.5.2009 for W.) by [Traffic Management Act 2004 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 6\(3\)\(a\)](#), 99 (with s. 38); S.I. 2004/2380, [art. 2\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/1095, [art. 2](#)
- F2** Words in s. 37 inserted (E.W.) (4.10.2004 for E. and 1.5.2009 for W.) by [Traffic Management Act 2004 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 6\(3\)\(b\)](#), 99 (with s. 38); S.I. 2004/2380, [art. 2\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/1095, [art. 2](#)

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

- C1** S. 37: power to extend conferred by [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 \(c.27, SIF 107:1\)](#), [s. 96\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (as amended by [Road Traffic \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1988 \(c. 54, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 4, [Sch. 3 paras. 25\(6\)\(a\)](#))
- C2** S. 37 extended (S.) (21.3.1999) by S.I. 1999/854, [art. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- C3** S. 37 modified (2.12.2002) by 2002 c. 30, s. 38, [Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 12\(2\)](#); S.I. 2002/2750, [art. 2\(a\)\(ii\)\(d\)](#)  
S. 37 modified (2.12.2002) by 2002 c. 30, s. 41, [Sch. 5 para. 9\(2\)](#); S.I. 2002/2750, [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#)  
S. 37 modified by [Police Reform Act 2002 \(c. 30\)](#), Sch. 4 para. 11B(4) (as inserted (E.W.) (1.7.2005) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 122(7), 178, [Sch. 8 para. 10](#); S.I. 2005/1521, [art. 3\(1\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(4\)\(5\)](#)))

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