



Criminal Justice Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 44

PART 12

SENTENCING

CHAPTER 5

DANGEROUS OFFENDERS

[^{F1}Interpretation]

224 Meaning of “specified offence” etc.

- (1) An offence is a “specified offence” for the purposes of this Chapter if it is a specified violent offence^{F1}, a specified sexual offence or a specified terrorism offence].
- (2) An offence is a “serious offence” for the purposes of this Chapter if and only if—
 - (a) it is a specified offence, and
 - (b) it is, apart from section [^{F2}224A], punishable in the case of a person aged 18 or over by—
 - (i) imprisonment for life, or
 - (ii) imprisonment for a determinate period of ten years or more.

- (3) In this Chapter—

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.....
“serious harm” means death or serious personal injury, whether physical or psychological;

“specified violent offence” means an offence specified in Part 1 of Schedule 15;

“specified sexual offence” means an offence specified in Part 2 of that Schedule.

[^{F4}“specified terrorism offence” means an offence specified in Part 3 of that Schedule.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 224(1) substituted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 9\(2\)\(a\), 27\(3\)](#) (with [s. 25\(3\)\(4\)](#))
- F2** Word in s. 224(2)(b) inserted (3.12.2012) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), [s. 151\(1\)](#), [Sch. 19 para. 16](#); [S.I. 2012/2906](#), [art. 2\(q\)](#)
- F3** S. 224(3): the definition of "relevant offence" is repealed (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 148, 149, 153](#), [Sch. 26 para. 69](#), [Sch. 28 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2008/1586](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 48\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 224(3) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 9\(2\)\(b\), 27\(3\)](#) (with [s. 25\(3\)\(4\)](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 224 wholly in force at 4.4.2005, see [s. 336\(3\)](#) and [S.I. 2005/950](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 18](#) (subject to [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#))

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