



# Sentencing Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 17

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#### PART 4

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#### CHAPTER 3

##### SERIOUSNESS AND DETERMINING SENTENCE

##### *Aggravating factors*

#### **67 Assaults on emergency workers**

- (1) This section applies where a court is considering the seriousness of an offence listed in subsection (3).
- (2) If the offence was committed against an emergency worker acting in the exercise of functions as such a worker, the court—
  - (a) must treat that fact as an aggravating factor, and
  - (b) must state in open court that the offence is so aggravated.
- (3) The offences referred to in subsection (1) are—
  - (a) an offence under any of the following provisions of the Offences against the Person Act 1861—
    - (i) section 16 (threats to kill);
    - (ii) section 18 (wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm);
    - (iii) section 20 (malicious wounding);
    - (iv) section 23 (administering poison etc);
    - (v) section 28 (causing bodily injury by explosives);
    - (vi) section 29 (using explosives etc with intent to do grievous bodily harm);

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- (vii) section 47 (assault occasioning actual bodily harm);
  - (b) an offence under section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sexual assault);
  - (c) manslaughter;
  - (d) kidnapping;
  - (e) an inchoate offence in relation to any of the preceding offences.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) the circumstances in which an offence is to be taken as committed against a person acting in the exercise of functions as an emergency worker include circumstances where the offence takes place at a time when the person is not at work but is carrying out functions which, if done in work time, would have been in the exercise of functions as an emergency worker.
- (5) In this section, “emergency worker” has the meaning given by section 68.
- (6) Nothing in this section prevents a court from treating the fact that an offence was committed against an emergency worker acting in the exercise of functions as such as an aggravating factor in relation to offences not listed in subsection (3).

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