



# Victims and Prisoners Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 21

### PART 1

#### VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

##### *Meaning of “victim”*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **1** Meaning of “victim”

- (1) In [this Part](#), “victim” means a person who has suffered harm as a direct result of—
  - (a) being subjected to criminal conduct, or
  - (b) one or more of the circumstances mentioned in [subsection \(2\)](#).
- (2) The circumstances are—
  - (a) where the person has seen, heard, or otherwise directly experienced the effects of, criminal conduct at the time the conduct occurred;
  - (b) where the person’s birth was the direct result of criminal conduct;
  - (c) where the death of a close family member of the person was the direct result of criminal conduct;
  - (d) where the person is a child who is a victim of domestic abuse which constitutes criminal conduct.
- (3) The reference in [subsection \(2\)\(d\)](#) to a child who is a victim of domestic abuse is to be read in accordance with Part 1 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- (4) For the purposes of this Part—
  - (a) “harm” includes physical, mental or emotional harm and economic loss;
  - (b) “criminal conduct” means conduct which constitutes an offence.
- (5) It is immaterial for the purposes of [subsection \(4\)\(b\)](#) that—

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- (a) no person has reported the offence;
  - (b) no person has been charged with or convicted of the offence.
- (6) In section 52(3)(a) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, for “complaint has been made about” substitute “person has reported”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 81(2)**

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