



Victims and Prisoners Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 21

PART 1

VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

Meaning of “victim”

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- (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—
 - (a) no person has reported the offence;
 - (b) no person has been charged with or convicted of the offence.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (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”.