
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND
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CRIMINAL LAW, NORTHERN
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[^{F1}The Criminal Justice Act 1988
(Offensive Weapons) Order 1988

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Coming into force *18th January 1989*

**THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1988
(OFFENSIVE WEAPONS) ORDER 1988**

1. This Order may be cited as the Criminal Justice Act...
2. The Schedule to this Order shall have effect.
Signature

SCHEDULE —

1. Section 141 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (offensive weapons)...
2. For the purposes of this Schedule, a weapon is an...
3. It shall be a defence for a person charged—
4. (1) It shall be a defence for a person charged—...
5. For the purposes of paragraph 4— “historical re-enactment” means any...
- 5A (1) It shall be a defence for a person charged—...
- 5B (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies to— (a) a person charged with...
6. For the purposes of paragraphs 3, 4, 5A and...

Explanatory Note

Changes to legislation:

The Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. para. 1(s) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 47\(2\)](#)
- Sch. para. 5A words inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(4\)](#)
- Sch. para. 5B(1)-(4) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. para. 5B words inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. para. 5B(5) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(5\)\(c\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. para. 1(sa) inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. para. 1A inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. para. 5C-5E inserted by [S.I. 2024/583 art. 2\(6\)](#)