

*These notes relate to the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act  
2004 (asp 3) which received Royal Assent on 14 April 2004*

# **VULNERABLE WITNESSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2 – Civil Proceedings**

##### ***Section 21 – Screens***

83. Subsection (1) provides for the use of screens when a vulnerable witness is giving evidence in a civil proof. The purpose of the screen will be to conceal all parties from the sight of the vulnerable person whilst that witness is giving evidence.
84. Subsection (2) imposes a duty on the court to ensure that the parties who are screened from the witness are able to see and hear the witness giving evidence e.g. by way of a TV monitor that relays the image of the witness to the accused.