



Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005

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3 Assaulting or impeding persons assisting emergency workers

- (1) A person who assaults, obstructs or hinders another in the circumstances described in subsection (2) below commits an offence.
- (2) Those circumstances are where the person being assaulted, obstructed or hindered is assisting another while that other person is, in a capacity mentioned in section 1(3) or 2(3) of this Act, responding to emergency circumstances.
- (3) No offence is committed under subsection (1) above unless the person who assaults, obstructs or hinders knows or ought to know—
 - (a) that the person being assisted is acting in that capacity;
 - (b) that the person being assisted is or might be responding—
 - (i) to emergency circumstances; or
 - (ii) as if there were emergency circumstances; and
 - (c) that the person being assaulted, obstructed or hindered is assisting the person acting in that capacity.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 3 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012](#) (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), arts. 1(2), 24

Commencement Information

- I1 S. 3 in force at 9.5.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/229](#), art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 3.