



# Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

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## PART 6

### INTERPRETATION

#### 93 Meaning of “harm”

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, an individual (“A”) harms another (“B”) if—
- (a) A's conduct causes B physical harm,
  - (b) A's conduct causes B psychological harm (for example: by putting B in a state of fear, alarm or distress), or
  - (c) A engages in unlawful conduct which appropriates or adversely affects B's property, rights or interests (for example: theft, fraud, embezzlement or extortion),

and references to harm are to be construed accordingly.

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, an individual (“C”) places another (“D”) at risk of harm if—
- (a) C attempts to harm D,
  - (b) C incites another to harm D,
  - (c) C encourages D to self-harm, or
  - (d) C's conduct otherwise causes, or is likely to cause, D to be harmed,
- and references to being placed at risk of harm are to be construed accordingly.

#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 93 in force at 28.2.2011 by [S.S.I. 2011/157](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, Section 93 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 April 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 the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 6A inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 80\(2\)](#)
- s. 8(3)(za) inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 82\(3\)](#)
- s. 10(1)(aa) inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 80\(3\)](#)
- s. 13A-13C inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 76\(2\)](#)
- s. 18(5) inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 30(3A)-(3C) inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 77\(3\)](#)
- s. 45A inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 71](#)
- s. 45B inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 72](#)
- s. 45C-45G inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 45H inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 88\(3\)](#)
- s. 46A inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 79](#)
- s. 49(3) inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 5\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 70(2)(d) inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 10\(41\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 77(1A) inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 10\(46\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 94(2A)(2B) inserted by [2020 asp 13 s. 75\(3\)](#)