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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1977 No. 426**

**Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977**

**Destroying or damaging property**

3.—(1) A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property, whether belonging to himself or another—

- (a) intending to destroy or damage any property or being reckless as to whether any property would be destroyed or damaged; and
- (b) intending by the destruction or damage to endanger the life of another or being reckless as to whether the life of another would be thereby endangered;

shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) An offence committed under this Article by destroying or damaging property by fire shall be charged as arson.

**Changes to legislation:**

Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, Section 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 September 2022. 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 :**

- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)Sch.4 para.13](#)
- art.3 extended by [1997 c. 13 s.2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
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