

---

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2008 No.**

**The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008**

**PART 5**

**MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY**

*Prisons*

**Assisting a prisoner to escape**

**75.** For sections 29 and 30 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (c. 18) substitute—

**“29 Assisting or permitting a person to escape from lawful custody**

(1) A person who assists any person in escaping or attempting to escape from lawful custody, whether in prison or not, is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who—

(a) is an officer of a prison in which a person is lawfully confined, or

(b) is a constable having a person in his lawful custody, whether in prison or not, is guilty of an offence if he voluntarily and intentionally permits that person to escape.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.”.