



# Theft Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 60

*Possession of housebreaking implements, etc.*

### 25 Going equipped for stealing, etc.

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence if, when not at his place of abode, he has with him any article for use in the course of or in connection with any [<sup>F1</sup>burglary or theft]<sup>F1</sup>.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall on conviction on indictment be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.
- (3) Where a person is charged with an offence under this section, proof that he had with him any article made or adapted for use in committing a [<sup>F2</sup>burglary or theft]<sup>F2</sup> shall be evidence that he had it with him for such use.
- (4) <sup>F3</sup> .....
- (5) For purposes of this section an offence under section 12(1) of this Act of taking a conveyance shall be treated as theft <sup>F4</sup>... .

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 25(1)(3) substituted (15.1.2007) by [Fraud Act 2006 \(c. 35\)](#), ss. 14(1), 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/3200, [art. 2](#)
- F2** Words in s. 25(1) substituted (15.1.2007) by [Fraud Act 2006 \(c. 35\)](#), ss. 14(1)(2), 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3](#)); S.I. 2006/3200, [art. 2](#)
- F3** S. 25(4) repealed (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 111, 174, 178, [Sch. 7 para. 17](#), [Sch. 17](#); S.I. 2005/3495, [art. 2\(m\)\(u\)\(xvii\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 25(5) repealed (15.1.2007) by [Fraud Act 2006 \(c. 35\)](#), ss. 14(1)(3), 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(b\)](#), [Sch. 3](#); S.I. 2006/3200, [art. 2](#)

**Status:**

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**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Theft Act 1968, Section 25.