



Theft Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 31

4 Punishments

- (1) Offences under this Act shall be punishable either on conviction on indictment or on summary conviction.
- (2) A person convicted on indictment shall be liable—
 - (a) for an offence under section 1 or section 2 of this Act, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years; and
 - (b) for an offence under section 3 of this Act, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.
- (3) A person convicted summarily of any offence under this Act shall be liable—
 - (a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months; or
 - (b) to a fine not exceeding the prescribed sum for the purposes of section 28 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (punishment on summary conviction of offences triable either way: £1,000 or other sum substituted by order under that Act),or to both.