



# Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 27

### PART X

#### GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

#### **127 Footpaths, bridleways [<sup>F1</sup>, restricted byways] and byways open to all traffic.**

- (1) In relation to any footpath, bridleway [<sup>F2</sup>, restricted byway] or byway open to all traffic—
  - (a) any reference in section 2(3) or 14 of this Act to pedestrians shall be construed as including a reference to persons to whom subsection (2) below applies, and
  - (b) any reference in any provision of this Act (except this section) to traffic shall be construed as including a reference to pedestrians and to persons to whom that subsection applies.
- (2) This subsection applies to any person driving, riding or leading a horse or other animal of draught or burden.
- (3) In this section—
  - (a) “footpath” does not include a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot only which is at the side of a public road; and
  - (b) “byway open to all traffic” means a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a highway at the side of a river, canal or inland navigation shall not be excluded from the definition of a footpath, bridleway [<sup>F2</sup>, restricted byway] or byway open to all traffic by reason only that the public have a right to use the highway for purposes of navigation, if the highway would fall within that definition if the public had no such right.
- (5) This section does not extend to Scotland.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 127 sidenote inserted (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279
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- C1** S. 127 applied (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279

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