



# Child Abduction Act 1984

## CHAPTER 37

### CHILD ABDUCTION ACT 1984

#### PART I

##### OFFENCES UNDER LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES

- 1 Offence of abduction of child by parent, etc.
- 2 Offence of abduction of child by other persons.
- 3 Construction of references to taking, sending and detaining.
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#### PART II

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- 12 Enactment of corresponding provision for Northern Ireland.
- 13 Short title, commencement and extent.

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for the Child Abduction Act 1984. (See end of Document for details)*

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*Children in care of local authorities and voluntary organisations*

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a child...

*Children in places of safety*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a child...

*Adoption and custodianship*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a child is placed...

*Cases within paragraphs 1 and 3*

- 4 In the case of a child falling within both paragraph...

*Interpretation*

- 5 In this Schedule— (a) “ adoption agency ” , “ ...

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