



# Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 38

### 1 Prohibition of female circumcision.

- <sup>F1</sup>[<sup>F2</sup>(1) Subject to section 2 below, it shall be an offence for any person—
- (a) to excise, infibulate or otherwise mutilate the whole or any part of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris of another person; or
  - (b) to aid, abet, counsel or procure the performance by another person of any of those acts on that other person's own body.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both; or
  - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum <sup>F3</sup> . . . or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Act ceases to have effect (E.W.N.I.) (3.3.2004) by virtue of [Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003](#) (c. 31), [ss. 7\(1\), 8\(2\)](#) (with [s. 8\(5\)](#)); [S.I. 2004/286](#), art. 2
- F2** Act repealed (S.) (1.9.2005) by [Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) (asp 8), [s. 7\(2\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 1(2)(b) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. XIV](#) Gp. 2

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985, Section 1.