



Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

[^{F1}PART 3A

HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS [^{F1}OR GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION]

Inflammatory material

[^{F1}29G Possession of inflammatory material

- (1) A person who has in his possession written material which is threatening, or a recording of visual images or sounds which are threatening, with a view to—
- in the case of written material, its being displayed, published, distributed, or included in a programme service whether by himself or another, or
 - in the case of a recording, its being distributed, shown, played, or included in a programme service, whether by himself or another,
- is guilty of an offence if he intends [^{F2}thereby to stir up religious hatred or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation].
- (2) For this purpose regard shall be had to such display, publication, distribution, showing, playing, or inclusion in a programme service as he has, or it may reasonably be inferred that he has, in view.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2007 except so far as relating to the insertion of ss. 29B(3), 29H(2), 29I(2) (b)(4)) by [Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 \(c. 1\)](#), ss. 1, 3(2), [Sch.](#); S.I. 2007/2490, [art. 2](#)
- F2** Words in s. 29G(1) substituted (23.3.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 74, 153(7), [Sch. 16 para. 11](#); S.I. 2010/712, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Public Order Act 1986, Section 29G is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4B inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 1](#)