



Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

PART I

NEW OFFENCES

9 Offences abolished.

- (1) The common law offences of riot, rout, unlawful assembly and affray are abolished.
- (2) The offences under the following enactments are abolished—
 - (a) section 1 of the ^{M1}Tumultuous Petitioning Act 1661 (presentation of petition to monarch or Parliament accompanied by excessive number of persons),
 - (b) section 1 of the ^{M2}Shipping Offences Act 1793 (interference with operation of vessel by persons riotously assembled),
 - (c) section 23 of the ^{M3}Seditious Meetings Act 1817 (prohibition of certain meetings within one mile of Westminster Hall when Parliament sitting), and
 - (d) section 5 of the ^{M4}Public Order Act 1936 (conduct conducive to breach of the peace).

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1661 c. 5.
M2 1793 c. 67.
M3 1817 c. 19.
M4 1936 c. 6.

Changes to legislation:

Public Order Act 1986, Section 9 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 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](#)