

*These notes refer to the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Weapons etc.

Section 28: Using someone to mind a weapon

217. *Subsection (1)* provides that it is an offence for a person to use someone else to hide or carry a dangerous weapon so as to make the weapon available to the first person for an unlawful purpose. *Subsection (2)* sets out non-exhaustive circumstances in which a weapon is to be regarded as being available for an unlawful purpose. The offence could catch a situation where the first person would be committing an offence if he took possession of the weapon from the person minding it, and would also cover a case where the first person was intending to commit an offence with the weapon in the future. *Subsection (3)* defines “dangerous weapon” for the purposes of this offence as meaning, broadly speaking, a firearm, knife or other specified offensive weapon. *Subsection (4)* provides that in Scotland the section will not apply in relation to knives or offensive weapons, as this issue is devolved.