

*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 33: Age limits for purchase etc. of air weapons

224. This section increases from 17 to 18 the minimum age for acquiring or possessing an air weapon. This will have the effect that the age limit for the purchase of air weapons will be higher than for other firearms; however, purchasers of the latter will have to satisfy the police as to their suitability under the certification process in section 1 of the Firearms Act 1968. *Subsection (2)* increases the age limit for purchasing or hiring an air weapon. *Subsection (3)* increases the age limit for possessing ammunition for an air weapon. *Subsection (4)* increases the age limit for selling an air weapon and letting one on hire. *Subsection (5)* increases the age limit for making a gift of an air weapon or parting with the possession of one.