



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 1

OFFENCES

Penalties and sentencing

5 Penalties

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under section 1 or 2 is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine or both.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under section 4 is liable (unless subsection (3) applies)—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine or both.
- (3) Where the offence under section 4 is committed by kidnapping or false imprisonment, a person guilty of that offence is liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life.
- (4) In relation to an offence committed before section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, the references in subsections (1)(b) and (2)(b) to 12 months are to be read as references to 6 months.