



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 17

PART 5

PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS, WITNESSES, ETC IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Special measures

62 Special measures in criminal proceedings for offences involving domestic abuse

- (1) Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (giving of evidence or information for purposes of criminal proceedings: special measures directions in case of vulnerable and intimidated witnesses) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 17 (witnesses eligible for assistance on grounds of fear or distress about testifying)—
 - (a) in subsection (4), for “a sexual offence or an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015” substitute “an offence listed in subsection (4A)”;
 - (b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) The offences are—

 - (a) a sexual offence;
 - (b) an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
 - (c) any other offence where it is alleged that the behaviour of the accused amounted to domestic abuse within the meaning of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (see section 1 of that Act).”
- (3) In section 25(4)(a) (evidence given in private), for “a sexual offence or an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015” substitute “an offence listed in section 17(4A)”.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, Section 62. (See end of Document for details)

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Commencement Information

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