



Offences against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100 24 and 25 Vict

Acts causing or tending to cause Danger to Life or Bodily Harm

21 Attempting to choke, &c. in order to commit any indictable offence.

Whosoever shall, by any means whatsoever, attempt to choke, suffocate, or strangle any other person, or shall by any means calculated to choke, suffocate, or strangle, attempt to render any other person insensible, unconscious, or incapable of resistance, with intent in any of such cases thereby to enable himself or any other person to commit, or with intent in any of such cases thereby to assist any other person in committing, any indictable offence, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable . . . ^{F1} to be kept in penal servitude for life . . . ^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 extended by [Internationally Protected Persons Act 1978 \(c. 17, SIF 39:2\)](#), **s. 1**

C2 Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 extended by [Aviation Security Act 1982 \(c. 36, SIF 9\)](#), **s. 6(1)**

C3 Ss. 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 applied by [Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 \(c. 31, SIF 39:2\)](#), **ss. 11(7), 14(2), 18(2)**

C4 S. 21 extended (27.4.1997) by [1997 c. 13](#), **ss. 1(2)(b), 10(2)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 21.