



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

32 Placing wood, &c., on a railway, with intent to endanger passengers.

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously put or throw upon or across any railway any wood, stone, or other matter or thing, or shall unlawfully and maliciously take up, remove, or displace any rail, sleeper, or other matter or thing belonging to any railway, or shall unlawfully and maliciously turn, move, or divert any points or other machinery belonging to any railway, or shall unlawfully and maliciously make or show, hide or remove, any signal or light upon or near to any railway, or shall unlawfully and maliciously do or cause to be done any other matter or thing, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to endanger the safety of any person travelling or being upon such railway, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be kept in penal servitude for life . . . ^{F1} or to be imprisoned . . . ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#) and [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), **Sch. 10 Pt. I**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 32 excluded (27.8.1998) by [S.I. 1998/1936, art. 3\(7\)](#)

C2 Ss. 32-34 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (18.5.2009) by [Greater Manchester \(Light Rapid Transit System\) \(Media City Extension\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1100\)](#), arts. 1, **3(3)**

C3 Ss. 32-34 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (9.6.2009) by [Nottingham Express Transit System Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1300\)](#), arts. 1, **3(3)** (with [Sch. 13 para. 14\(2\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 19](#), [Sch. 16](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 32.