

### **Law Sources of Importance to Investigators.**

**Data Protection Act 1998** - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/contents>

The 8 Data Protection Principles and offences should be noted.

**Computer Misuse Act 1990** - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/18/contents>

Ss 1-3 should be noted.

**Consumer Credit Act 2006 (information)** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/14/contents>

Familiarisation with the debt collection regulations are of relevance.

**Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 – access specific Codes of Practice via the Google search engine, or obtain via The Stationery Office**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/60/contents>

All criminal defence investigators should be fully conversant with this Act. The Code

**Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1994/33/contents>

Various sections are of note. A précis of relevant information can be purchased from the IPI at a small cost.

**Protection from Harassment Act 1997** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/40/contents>

Ss 2-4 should be noted.

**Crime and Disorder Act 1998** - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/37/contents>

**Public Interest (Disclosure) Act 1998** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/23/contents>

**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/23/contents> and, for Scotland,

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2000/11/contents>

Summarised in the Surveillance Module

**Human Rights Act 1998** – <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>

The relevant applications to UK law should be noted.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

Familiarisation with the law as it relates to authorities providing information by request should be sought. There are Scottish versions at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/13/contents>

**Private Security Industry Act 2001** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2001/12/contents>

Offences and schedules pertinent to Private Investigators should be noted, although the specifics in respect of PIs are not enacted yet.

**Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996** -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/25/contents>

Relates to criminal disclosure rules

**Theft Act 1968 –**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/60/contents>

Ss 1-14, 22, 25 and 24A are of relevance. Ss 15-17 repealed (see Fraud Act 2006)

**Fraud Act 2006 –**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/35/contents>

Ss 1- 4 relate to offences.

**Criminal Damage Act 1971 -** <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/48/contents>

Ss 1-5 are of relevance.

**Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 -** <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/38/contents>

Ss 5 onwards to be noted.

**Civil Procedure Rules 1998 -**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1998/3132/contents/made>

Familiarity with the Overriding Objective, statements, and disclosure are of particular relevance. There have been detailed amendments but Parts 6 and 31 are the most relevant.

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