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Upskirting

Upskirting is a highly intrusive practice, which typically involves someone taking a picture under another person's clothing without their knowledge, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear). The purpose of the behavior is to obtain sexual gratification, or to cause humiliation, distress or alarm.

Anyone, and any gender, can be a victim and this behavior is completely unacceptable.

Punishment under the law

Under the new law perpetrators will face two years in prison. By criminalising this distressing practice, it is hoped that it deters people from committing the crime.

Upskirting, where committed to obtain sexual gratification, can result in the most serious offenders being placed on the sex offenders register.

The Voyeurism (Offences) Act, which was commonly known as the Upskirting Bill, was introduced on 21 June 2018. It came into force on 12 April 2019

Upskirting: know your rights

Published 11 February 2019

[Upskirting: know your rights - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ups-kirting-know-your-rights)

Stalking Protection Act: statutory guidance for the police

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