



# Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 69

### PART I

#### WILDLIFE

#### *Protection of other animals [<sup>F1</sup>and prevention of poaching]*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>11C Snares: authorisation from landowners etc.

Subject to the provisions of this Part, any person who without reasonable excuse—

- (a) while on any land has in his possession any snare without the authorisation of the owner or occupier of the land; or
- (b) sets any snare in position on any land without the authorisation of the owner or occupier of the land,

is guilty of an offence.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 11A-11F inserted (1.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Wildlife and Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 6\)](#), **ss. 13(3)**, 43(1) (with [s. 41\(1\)](#)); [S.S.I. 2011/433](#), art. 2(1)(c)(ii)(3A)(a)(4)

**Changes to legislation:**

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 11C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. View outstanding changes

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 11A-11F repealed by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(3\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(1A)-(1D) substituted for s. 2(1A) by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 2(3A)(a)(ii) word repealed by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 2(3C)(c) and word inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 11(1)(ab)-(ad) substituted for s. 11(1)(a)(aa) by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 11(2)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 11(2A) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 1\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 11(3CA) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 12A-12G and cross-heading inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 16(1A)(c)(d) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 16A(ab) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 16A(1A) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 16A(1B) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 16A(5)(aa) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 16A(5A) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 16A(5B) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 16AA-16AF inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 21(ga)(gb) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(6\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(c) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(d) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(d)(e) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(f) and word inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 26(3)(c) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 7\(7\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 26(3)(d) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(3)(d)(e) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 10\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(3)(f) and word inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 6\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 53(3)(c)(ia) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 53B(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 3](#)
- s. 54B54C inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1B inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 13A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 14A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 7](#)