



At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The following report from the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey was today read at the Board:

“In accordance with the Royal Assent to Legislation and Petitions (Bailiwick of Jersey) Order 2022 the Committee have considered a letter from the Deputy Greffier of the States of Jersey transmitting an Act passed on 11th March 2026 entitled the Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 2026:

The Committee have considered the Act and have agreed to report that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to approve and ratify it.”

His Majesty, having taken the report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve and ratify the Act (a copy of which is annexed to this Order) and to order that it, together with this Order, shall be entered on the Register of the Island of Jersey and observed accordingly. His Majesty's Officers in the Island, and all others whom it may concern, are therefore to take notice of His Majesty's Order and to proceed accordingly.

Richard Tilbrook, CVO



Jersey

CRIME (STRANGULATION) (JERSEY) LAW 202-

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Jersey

CRIME (STRANGULATION) (JERSEY) LAW 202-

A LAW to introduce a statutory offence of strangulation.

<i>Adopted by the States</i>	<i>11 March 2026</i>
<i>Sanctioned by Order of His Majesty in Council</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>
<i>Registered by the Royal Court</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law –

1 Offence of strangulation

- (1) A person (“A”) commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term of 10 years and to a fine if A deliberately strangles another person (“B”).
- (2) A has a defence if A proves, on the balance of probabilities, that –
 - (a) B consented to the strangulation; and
 - (b) either –
 - (i) B did not suffer serious harm; or
 - (ii) B suffered serious harm, but A did not intend to cause B serious harm and was not reckless as to whether B would suffer serious harm.
- (3) In this Article –

“serious harm” includes loss of consciousness;

“strangle” includes –

 - (a) to suffocate;
 - (b) to choke;
 - (c) to restrict a person’s breathing by any means; and
 - (d) to restrict the flow of blood to a person’s brain by any means.

2 Customary law offences unaffected

Nothing in this Law limits or otherwise affects any customary law offence, including in particular the offences of common assault and grave and criminal assault.

3 Citation and commencement

This Law may be cited as the Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 202- and comes into force on a day to be specified by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs by Order.