



# Housing (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 2

### HOMELESSNESS

#### CHAPTER 2

#### HELP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR THREATENED WITH HOMELESSNESS

#### *Key terms*

#### **57 Whether it is reasonable to continue to occupy accommodation**

- (1) It is not reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation if it is probable that it will lead to the person, or a member of the person's household, being subjected to abuse.
- (2) In this section "member of a person's household" means—
  - (a) a person who normally resides with him or her as member of his or her family, or
  - (b) any other person who might reasonably be expected to reside with that person.
- (3) In determining whether it would be, or would have been, reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation, a local housing authority—
  - (a) may have regard to the general circumstances prevailing in relation to housing in the area of the local housing authority to whom the person has applied for help in securing accommodation;
  - (b) must have regard to whether or not the accommodation is affordable for that person.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may by order specify—

- (a) other circumstances in which it is to be regarded as reasonable or not reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation, and
- (b) other matters to be taken into account or disregarded in determining whether it would be, or would have been, reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation.