



# Housing Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 34

### PART 1

#### HOUSING CONDITIONS

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##### ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSING STANDARDS: GENERAL

##### *Enforcement of housing standards*

#### **7 Category 2 hazards: powers to take enforcement action**

- (1) The provisions mentioned in subsection (2) confer power on a local housing authority to take particular kinds of enforcement action in cases where they consider that a category 2 hazard exists on residential premises.
- (2) The provisions are—
  - (a) section 12 (power to serve an improvement notice),
  - (b) section 21 (power to make a prohibition order),
  - (c) section 29 (power to serve a hazard awareness notice),
  - (d) section 265(3) and (4) of the Housing Act 1985 (power to make a demolition order), and
  - (e) section 289(2ZB) of that Act (power to make a slum clearance declaration).
- (3) The taking by the authority of one of those kinds of enforcement action in relation to a particular category 2 hazard does not prevent them from taking either—
  - (a) the same kind of action again, or
  - (b) a different kind of enforcement action,in relation to the hazard, where they consider that the action taken by them so far has not proved satisfactory.

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- II** S. 7 wholly in force at 16.6.2006; s. 7 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 270(4)(5); s. 7 in force for E. at 6.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1060, **art. 2(1)(a)** (with Sch.); s. 7 in force for W. at 16.6.2006 by S.I. 2006/1535, **art. 2(a)** (with Sch.)

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- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

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- s. 66(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 66(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 89(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 89(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 139(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 127\(3\)](#)