



# Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

2016 anaw 1

## PART 9

### TERMINATION ETC. OF OCCUPATION CONTRACTS

#### CHAPTER 13

##### ABANDONMENT

(THIS CHAPTER APPLIES TO ALL OCCUPATION CONTRACTS)

#### 224 Rights of entry

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if the landlord under a relevant occupation contract reasonably believes that the contract-holder has abandoned the dwelling.
- (2) The landlord may enter the dwelling at any time in order to make it secure or to safeguard its contents and any fixtures or fittings, and may use reasonable force to do so.
- (3) An occupation contract is relevant if it is a term of the contract (however expressed) that the contract-holder must occupy the dwelling as his or her only or principal home.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Pt. 9 excluded (1.12.2022) by 2004 c. 34, s. 33(c) (as inserted by [The Renting Homes \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1166\)](#), regs. 1(1), **28(2)(c)**)

#### Commencement Information

- I1 S. 224 in force at 1.12.2022 by [S.I. 2022/906](#), art. 2

**Changes to legislation:**

Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016, Section 224 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 April 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.

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

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

**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. 20(3)(ma) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 135(2)(ia) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 186A-186C inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 198A inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 5](#)