

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

1963 CHAPTER 41

Notification of Accidents

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(1) Where an accident in any premises to which this Act applies—

- (a) causes loss of life to a person employed to work in the premises; or
- (b) disables any such person for more than three days from doing his usual work ;

notice of the accident, in such form as may be prescribed by order made by the Minister and accompanied by such particulars as may be so prescribed, shall forthwith be sent by the occupier of the premises to the appropriate authority unless notice of the accident is required to be given under or by virtue of any other enactment.

- (2) Where an accident causing disablement is notified under this section, and after notification thereof results in the death of the person disabled, notice of the death shall, as soon as it comes to the knowledge of the occupier of the premises in which the accident occurred, be sent by him to the appropriate authority.
- (3) Where an accident to which this section applies occurs to a person employed to work in any premises to which this Act applies and the occupier of the premises is not the actual employer of the person killed or disabled, the actual employer shall, if he fails to report the accident to the occupier immediately, be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.
- (4) The Minister may by regulations made as respects premises to which this Act applies, or any class of such premises, give either or both of the following directions, namely.—
 - (a) a direction that, as respects accidents of such class as may be specified in the regulations, subsection (1) of this section shall have effect as if paragraph (b) had been omitted;
 - (b) a direction that, as respects accidents of such class as may be so specified, that subsection shall have effect as if, in the said paragraph (b), for the reference to

three days there had been substituted a reference to such other period (whether longer or shorter) as may be so specified.

(5) In this section " appropriate authority ", in relation to any premises.—

- (a) where the authority having, by virtue of section 52 of this Act, power to enforce sections 4 to 27 of this Act with respect to the premises is other than a factory inspector, a mine and quarry inspector or a person authorised under subsection (3) or (6) of that section, means that authority;
- (b) where the authority having, by virtue of the said section 52, power to enforce sections 4 to 27 of this Act with respect to the premises is a factory inspector or a person authorised under section 52(3) of this Act, means the factory inspector in charge of the district in which the premises are situate;
- (c) where the authority having, by virtue of the said section 52, power to enforce sections 4 to 27 of this Act with respect to the premises is a mine and quarry inspector or a person authorised under section 52(6) of this Act, means the mine and quarry inspector in charge of the district in which the premises are situate.