



# Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884

1884 CHAPTER 72 47 and 48 Vict

An Act for preventing the erection of Buildings on Disused Burial  
Grounds. [14th August 1884]

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

- C1 Act excluded by [Southwark Cathedral Measure 1937 \(No. 3\), s. 4\(2\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#)

**Commencement Information**

- II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884.

**2 Interpretation.**

In this Act a “disused burial ground” shall mean a burial ground in respect of which an Order in Council has been made for the discontinuance of burials therein in pursuance of the provisions of the said recited Acts.

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

- C3 Act amended as to meaning of “burial ground” and “disused burial ground” by [Open Spaces Act 1887 \(c. 32\)](#) s. 4
- C4 “the said recited Acts” means the [Burial Act 1852 \(c. 85\)](#) and the [Burial Act 1853 \(c. 134\)](#)

**3 No buildings to be erected upon disused burial grounds except for enlargement, &c.**

It shall not be lawful to erect any buildings upon any disused burial ground, except for the purpose of enlarging a church, chapel, meeting house, or other places of worship.

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*Status: Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.*

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884. (See end of Document for details)*

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- C5** S. 3 excluded by [Pastoral Measure 1968 \(No. 1\)](#), **ss. 30(2)**, 51(6) and [Greater London Council \(General Powers\) Act 1968 \(c. xxxix\)](#), **s. 29(1)**
- C6** S. 3 excluded by [Disused Burial Grounds \(Amendment\) Act 1981 \(c. 18, SIF 17:1\)](#), ss. 1(1), 2(1), **Sch.**
- C7** S. 3 excluded by [Pastoral Measure 1983 \(No. 1, SIF 21:4\)](#), **ss. 30(4)**, 51(11)

**4 Savings for buildings already sanctioned.**

Nothing in this Act shall prevent the erection of any building on a disused burial ground for which a faculty has been obtained before the passing of this Act.

**5 Savings of burial grounds sold by Act of Parliament.**

Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any burial ground which has been sold or disposed of under the authority of any Act of Parliament.

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