



Gambling Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 19

PART 15

INSPECTION

Kinds of inspection

306 Suspected offence

- (1) A constable or enforcement officer may enter premises if he reasonably suspects that an offence under this Act may be—
 - (a) being committed on the premises, or
 - (b) about to be committed on the premises.
- (2) A justice of the peace may on the application of a constable or enforcement officer issue a warrant authorising a constable or enforcement officer to enter premises if the justice of the peace is satisfied—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been committed on the premises,
 - (b) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that evidence of the commission of the offence may be found on the premises, and
 - (c) that at least one of the conditions in subsection (3) is satisfied.
- (3) Those conditions are—
 - (a) that admission to the premises has been refused,
 - (b) that admission to the premises is likely to be refused unless a warrant is produced,
 - (c) that the purpose of entry may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced unless a constable or enforcement officer arriving at the premises can secure immediate entry, and
 - (d) that there is likely to be nobody at the premises capable of granting admission.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) A warrant may be granted in reliance on subsection (3)(a) or (b) only if the justice of the peace is satisfied—
- (a) that notice has been given to a person occupying the premises, or having responsibility for their management, of intent to apply for a warrant, or
 - (b) that the purpose of entry may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced by the giving of notice under paragraph (a).
- (5) A warrant under subsection (2) shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day of issue.
- (6) In the application of this section to Scotland, any reference to a justice of the peace is to be construed as a reference to the sheriff or a justice of the peace.