



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Entering and inspecting places used for defence etc

6 Powers of police officers in relation to a prohibited place

- (1) A constable may order—
 - (a) a person not to engage, or to cease to engage, in conduct mentioned in [section 4\(1\)\(a\)](#) (whether in person or by electronic or remote means) in relation to a prohibited place;
 - (b) a person who has accessed or entered a prohibited place (whether in person or by electronic or remote means) to leave it immediately;
 - (c) a person in an area adjacent to a prohibited place to leave the area immediately;
 - (d) the driver or person in charge of a vehicle or device (whether in person or by electronic or remote means) in a prohibited place, or in an area adjacent to a prohibited place, to move the vehicle or device from the place or area immediately.
- (2) A constable may arrange for—
 - (a) the removal of a vehicle or device from a prohibited place or an area adjacent to a prohibited place;
 - (b) the movement of a vehicle or device within a prohibited place or an area adjacent to a prohibited place.
- (3) A constable may not exercise a power under [subsection \(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#) unless the constable reasonably believes that exercising the power is necessary to protect the safety or interests of the United Kingdom.
- (4) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with an order imposed under [subsection \(1\)](#).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Security Act 2023, Section 6. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) A person who commits an offence under [this section](#) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale (or both).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
I2 S. 6 in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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