



Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 33

PART V

PUBLIC ORDER: [F1UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS AND] COLLECTIVE TRESPASS OR NUISANCE ON LAND

Powers to remove trespassers on land

[F162B Failure to comply with direction under section 62A: offences

- (1) A person commits an offence if he knows that a direction under section 62A(1) has been given which applies to him and—
 - (a) he fails to leave the relevant land as soon as reasonably practicable, or
 - (b) he enters any land in the area of the relevant local authority as a trespasser before the end of the relevant period with the intention of residing there.
- (2) The relevant period is the period of [F2twelve] months starting with the day on which the direction is given.
- (3) A person guilty of 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.
- (4) F3
- (5) In proceedings for an offence under this section it is a defence for the accused to show—
 - (a) that he was not trespassing on the land in respect of which he is alleged to have committed the offence, or
 - (b) that he had a reasonable excuse—
 - (i) for failing to leave the relevant land as soon as reasonably practicable, or

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- (ii) for entering land in the area of the relevant local authority as a trespasser with the intention of residing there, or
- (c) that, at the time the direction was given, he was under the age of 18 years and was residing with his parent or guardian.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 62B inserted (E.W.) (27.2.2004) by Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (c. 38), ss. 61, 93; S.I. 2003/3300, art. 3(b)
- F2** Word in s. 62B(2) substituted (28.6.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 84(9), 208(5)(i) (with s. 84(12))
- F3** S. 62B(4) repealed (1.1.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 111, 174, 178, Sch. 7 para. 31(2), Sch. 17; S.I. 2005/3495, {2(1)(u)(xxxvi)} (subject to art. 2(2))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 62B(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 45\(5\)](#)

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. 51(10)(a)(ia) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 11\(3\)](#)