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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

**Part 4: Standards of Housing** 

**Chapter 3: Hazards** 

## Section 54: Definition of a hazard

Section 54 defines that a hazard in an HMO is something that constitutes a risk of harm to the health or safety of an actual or potential occupier. The risk may arise from a deficiency in the accommodation forming the HMO, any building or land the accommodation forms part of, or any building or land in the vicinity of that accommodation.