



Fire Precautions Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 40

Premises involving excessive risk to persons in case of fire

- 10 Court's power to prohibit or restrict use of certain premises until excessive risk to persons in case of fire is reduced**
- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) any premises which are being or are proposed to be put to a use (whether designated or not) which falls within at least one of the classes of use mentioned in section 1(2) of this Act, other than premises of any description falling within section 2 of this Act; and
 - (b) any premises to which section 3 of this Act for the time being applies.
 - (2) If as regards any premises to which this section applies the fire authority are satisfied that the risk to persons in case of fire is so serious that, until steps have been taken to reduce the risk to a reasonable level, the use of the premises ought to be prohibited or restricted, the authority may make a complaint or, in Scotland, a summary application to the court; and the court on being similarly satisfied may by order prohibit or restrict, to the extent appropriate in the circumstances of the case, the use of the premises until such steps have been taken as, in the opinion of the court, are necessary to reduce the risk to a reasonable level.
 - (3) As regards premises in Scotland any reference in subsection (2) above to the fire authority includes a reference to an inspector appointed by the authority under section 18 of this Act and duly authorised by a general resolution of the authority to act for the purposes of this section.