



# Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 22

### PART II

#### CONTROL OF DISEASE

##### *Children*

#### **23 Exclusion of children from places of entertainment or assembly**

- (1) This section applies—
- (a) to any theatre, including a cinematograph theatre, and any building used as a public hall, public concert-room or lecture room, public dance room or public gymnasium or indoor swimming baths, and
  - (b) to any sports ground, outdoor swimming baths, outdoor swimming pool, or skating or roller skating rink, to which the public are admitted, either on payment of a charge for admission or not, and
  - (c) to any circus, show, fair, fete, amusement arcade or other public place of entertainment which is not in a building.
- (2) With a view to preventing the spread of a notifiable disease, a local authority may, by notice published in such manner as they think best for bringing it to the notice of persons concerned, prohibit or restrict the admission of persons under the prescribed age to any place to which this section applies for a time specified in the notice.
- (3) A notice under this section may contain exemptions from the prohibitions or restrictions which it imposes, and any such exemption may be made subject to compliance with such conditions as may be specified in the notice.
- (4) A notice under this section may be expressed to apply to particular premises, or parts of premises, designated in the notice, or to part only of the district of the local authority, but, except as otherwise provided in the notice, the notice shall apply throughout the district of the local authority.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) If the person responsible for the management of a place to which this section applies, having been served by the local authority with a copy of a notice published under this section; admits any person under the prescribed age to that place in contravention of the notice, or fails to comply with any condition specified in the notice, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.
- (6) In any proceedings for an offence under subsection (5) above, it shall be a defence to prove that there were reasonable grounds for believing that the person admitted had attained the prescribed age.
- (7) In this section, "prescribed age", in relation to a notice, means such age, not exceeding 16, as may be prescribed by the notice.