



# Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 27

### PART III

#### CROSSINGS AND PLAYGROUNDS

##### *Street playgrounds*

#### **29 Power of local authorities outside Greater London to prohibit traffic on roads to be used as playgrounds.**

- (1) For the purpose of enabling roads within their area in respect of which they are the [<sup>F1</sup>highway][<sup>F1</sup>roads] authority to be used as playgrounds for children, the council of a county [<sup>F2</sup>or metropolitan district] in England or Wales, or the local authority in Scotland, shall, subject to Parts II and III of Schedule 9 to this Act, have power to make an order prohibiting or restricting the use of any specified road by vehicles, or by vehicles of any specified class,—
  - (a) subject to such exceptions and conditions as to occasional use or otherwise as may be specified in the order, and
  - (b) either generally or on particular days or during particular hours.
- (2) An order made under this section with respect to a road shall make provision for permitting reasonable access to premises situated on or adjacent to it.
- (3) A person who uses a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be used, in contravention of an order in force under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word “roads” substituted (S.) for word “highway” by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 128(1), [Sch. 9 para. 93\(13\)](#)
- F2** Words inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 2, 8(1), [Sch. 5 para. 4\(11\)](#)

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**[29] <sup>F3</sup>Power to prohibit traffic on roads to be used as playgrounds.**

(1) For the purpose of enabling a road for which they are the traffic authority to be used as a playground for children, a local traffic authority may make an order prohibiting or restricting the use of the road by vehicles, or by vehicles of any specified class, either generally or on particular days or during particular hours.

The prohibition or restriction may be subject to such exceptions and conditions as to occasional use or otherwise as may be specified in the order.

(2) An order under this section shall make provision for permitting reasonable access to premises situated on or adjacent to the road.

(3) A person who uses a vehicle or causes or permits a vehicle to be used, in contravention of an order in force under this section shall be guilty of an offence.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 29 substituted for ss. 29, 30(*prosp.*) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), ss. 168(1), 170(1), [Sch. 8 para.37](#)

**30 Similar power for local authorities in Greater London.**

(1) For the purpose of enabling roads within their area in respect of which they are the highway authority to be used as playgrounds for children, the council of a London borough or the Common Council of the City of London shall, subject to subsections (2) to (6) below, have power to make an order prohibiting or restricting the use of any specified road by vehicles, or by vehicles of any specified class,—

- (a) subject to such exceptions and conditions as to occasional use or otherwise as may be specified in the order, and
- (b) either generally or on particular days or during particular hours.

(2) An order made under this section with respect to a road shall make provision for permitting reasonable access to premises situated on or adjacent to it.

(3) ..... <sup>F4</sup>

(5) A person who uses a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be used, in contravention of an order in force under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

(6) [<sup>F5</sup>The Secretary of State] may make regulations for prescribing the procedure to be followed in connection with the making of orders by any other authority under this section . . . <sup>F6</sup>, and for prescribing the manner in which that other authority shall publish notice of the fact that any such order has been made . . . <sup>F6</sup> and of its effect.

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** S. 30(3)(4) repealed by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 102(2)(3), [Sch. 17](#)

**F5** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 2, 8(1), [Sch. 5 para. 4\(12\)](#)

**F6** Words repealed by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 2, 8(1), 102(2)(3), [Sch. 5 para. 4\(12\)](#), [Sch. 17](#)

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### **31 Byelaws with respect to roads used as playgrounds.**

- (1) Where an order is or has been made by a local authority in respect of a road under section 29 or 30 of this Act, the local authority shall have power to make byelaws authorising the use of the road as a playground for children and making provision—
- (a) with respect to the admission of children to the road when used as a playground;
  - (b) with respect to the safety of children so using the road and their protection from injury by vehicles using the road for access to premises situated on or adjacent to it or otherwise; and
  - (c) generally with respect to the proper management of the road when used as a playground for children.
- (2) Byelaws under this section shall be subject to confirmation [<sup>F7</sup>by the Secretary of State].

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F7** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 2, 8(1), [Sch. 5 para. 4\(13\)](#)

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