



Football Spectators Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 37

PART I

FOOTBALL MATCHES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Licences to admit spectators

9 Offence of admitting spectators to unlicensed premises

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, if persons are admitted as spectators to, or permitted to remain as spectators on, any premises during a period relevant to a designated football match without a licence to admit spectators being in force, any responsible person commits an offence.
- (2) Where a person is charged with an offence under this section it shall be a defence to prove either that the spectators were admitted in an emergency or—
 - (a) that the spectators were admitted without his consent; and
 - (b) that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.