



Noise Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 37

Summary procedure for dealing with noise at night

- 4 Offence where noise [^{F1}from a dwelling] exceeds permitted level after service of notice.**
- (1) If a warning notice has been served in respect of noise emitted from a dwelling, any person who is responsible for noise which—
- (a) is emitted from the dwelling in the period specified in the notice, and
 - (b) exceeds the permitted level, as measured from within the complainant's dwelling,
- is guilty of an offence.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to show that there was a reasonable excuse for the act, default or sufferance in question.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s 4 heading inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2006 for E.) by [Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 \(c. 16\), s. 108\(1\)\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 5](#); S.I. 2006/2006, art. 2

Commencement Information

- II** S. 4 wholly in force at 1.9.1997; s. 4 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 14(2); s. 4 in force at 23.7.1997 for England and Wales by [S.I. 1997/1695, art. 2](#) and 1.9.1997 for Northern Ireland by [S.R. 1997/366, art. 2](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/10/2006. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Noise Act 1996, Section 4.