



Compensation Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

STANDARD OF CARE

1 Deterrent effect of potential liability

A court considering a claim in negligence or breach of statutory duty may, in determining whether the defendant should have taken particular steps to meet a standard of care (whether by taking precautions against a risk or otherwise), have regard to whether a requirement to take those steps might—

- (a) prevent a desirable activity from being undertaken at all, to a particular extent or in a particular way, or
- (b) discourage persons from undertaking functions in connection with a desirable activity.

Changes to legislation:

Compensation Act 2006, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(2A) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 5(1A) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 5(11) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 3\(9\)](#)
- s. 6(3A) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 4](#)
- s. 8(9) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 9(2A) inserted by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 19 para. 7](#)