



# Building Safety Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 30

### PART 4

#### HIGHER-RISK BUILDINGS

##### *Registration and certificates*

#### **77 Occupation: registration requirement**

- (1) The principal accountable person for a higher-risk building commits an offence if the building is occupied but not registered.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to prove that the person had a reasonable excuse for the building being occupied but not registered.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum summary term for either-way offences or a fine (or both);
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine (or both);and (in either case) is liable on summary conviction to a further fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale for each day on which the default continues after the initial conviction.
- (4) In this section “registered” means registered under section 78.