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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1639**

**The Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces Regulations 1997**

**Acts prohibited in a Park**

3. Subject to the provisions of regulation 6, no person using a Park shall—

(1) intentionally or recklessly interfere with the safety, comfort or convenience of any person using a Park in accordance with these Regulations;

(2) deposit waste, litter or any other article into, or do any act which pollutes or is likely to pollute water in, any fountain, lake, pond or river;

(3) drop or leave litter or refuse except in a receptacle provided for the purpose;

(4) use—

(a) any pedal cycle, or

(b) any roller skate, roller blade, skate board or other foot-propelled device

except on a Park road or in an area designated and marked as being for that purpose by the Secretary of State;

(5) fail to keep any animal of which he is in charge under control or on a lead—

(a) after having been required by a constable to do so, or

(b) in contravention of a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State;

(6) permit any animal of which he is in charge to foul any pathway or mown lawn;

(7) permit any animal of which he is in charge to be tethered or to graze;

(8) fail to remove any animal of which he is in charge from a Park or place in that Park after having been required by a constable to do so;

(9) fail to comply with any direction for the regulation or control of—

(a) horses or pedal cycles, or

(b) roller skates, roller blades, skate boards or other foot-propelled devices

given by a constable or by a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State;

(a) (10) (a) ride any animal,

(b) drive or ride any vehicle, or

(c) use any pedal cycle, roller skate, roller blade, skate board or other foot-propelled device

in any manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person;

(a) (11) (a) use a pedal cycle (other than when it is parked), or

(b) drive or ride a vehicle

between sunset and sunrise, or in seriously reduced visibility between sunrise and sunset, unless it is lit in accordance with the Road Vehicles (Lighting) Regulations 1989(1), and for the purposes of this regulation references in the Road Vehicles (Lighting) Regulations 1989 to a road shall be deemed

to be references to a Park road or any other area designated and marked as being an area in which a pedal cycle may be used;

(12) drive or ride any vehicle off a Park road except—

- (a) for the purpose of parking that vehicle in a place reserved for that purpose by the Secretary of State,
- (b) an invalid carriage, or
- (c) a vehicle in use for the purpose of transacting business with any person either residing in a Palace or Park or using land therein under licence from the Secretary of State

provided in the case of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above that the said vehicle is not driven at a speed exceeding 15 m.p.h.;

(13) in contravention of a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State, or after having been required by a constable not to do so—

- (a) play any game or engage in any form of sport or exercise,
- (b) use any kite or model aircraft or any mechanically propelled or operated model, or
- (c) skate or otherwise go on any ice;

(14) fail, when in the public speaking area in Hyde Park, to comply with a direction given by a constable to move from some place in that area or to leave the area;

(15) fail to move any chair, stand or platform in the public speaking area in Hyde Park in accordance with a direction given by a constable;

(16) fail to comply with a reasonable direction given by a constable to leave a Park or any part thereof.