



Adoption and Children Act 2002

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PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 3

PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

Removal of children who are or may be placed by adoption agencies

33 Recovery by parent etc. where child placed and placement order refused

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a child is placed for adoption by a local authority under section 19,
 - (b) the authority have applied for a placement order and the application has been refused, and
 - (c) any parent or guardian of the child informs the authority that he wishes the child to be returned to him.
- (2) The prospective adopters must return the child to the authority on a date determined by the court.
- (3) A prospective adopter who fails to comply with subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.
- (4) As soon as a child is returned to the authority, they must return the child to the parent or guardian in question.