



Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 16

PART 7

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CHAPTER 1

AUDIBLE INTRUDER ALARMS

Powers in relation to alarms

77 Power of entry

- (1) This section applies if an authorised officer of a local authority is satisfied that the conditions in subsection (2) are met in relation to an audible intruder alarm installed in or on premises in the area of the local authority.
- (2) The conditions are—
 - (a) that the alarm has been sounding continuously for more than twenty minutes or intermittently for more than one hour;
 - (b) that the sounding of the alarm is likely to give persons living or working in the vicinity of the premises reasonable cause for annoyance;
 - (c) if the premises are in an alarm notification area, that reasonable steps have been taken to get the nominated key-holder to silence the alarm.
- (3) The officer may enter the premises for the purpose of silencing the alarm.
- (4) The officer may not enter premises by force under this section.
- (5) The officer must, if required, show evidence of his authority to act under this section.

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(6) In this section—

“authorised officer” means an officer of a local authority who is authorised by the authority (generally or specifically) for the purposes of this section;

“nominated key-holder”, in respect of premises in the area of a local authority, means a person in respect of whom the authority has received notification in accordance with section 71(2)(b).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 77 in force at 6.4.2006 for E. by [S.I. 2006/795](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)
- I2** S. 77 in force at 15.3.2007 (being the date on which S.I. 2007/739 came into force) for W. by [S.I. 2006/2797](#), [art. 4\(gg\)](#)

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2007/120 art. 3](#) Amendment to earlier commencing [S.I. 2006/2797](#)