



# Sexual Offences Act 1956

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## PART I

OFFENCES, AND THE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

### *Suppression of brothels*

#### **33 Keeping a brothel.**

It is an offence for a person to keep a brothel, or to manage, or act or assist in the management of, a brothel.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 s. 33 extended by [Sexual Offences Act 1967 \(c. 60\), s. 6](#)

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>33A Keeping a brothel used for prostitution**

- (1) It is an offence for a person to keep, or to manage, or act or assist in the management of, a brothel to which people resort for practices involving prostitution (whether or not also for other practices).
- (2) In this section “prostitution” has the meaning given by section 51(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 S. 33A inserted (1.5.2004) by [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\), ss. 55\(2\), 141; S.I. 2004/874, art. 2](#)

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Sexual Offences Act 1956, Cross Heading: Suppression of brothels. (See end of Document for details)*

### 34 Landlord letting premises for use as brothel.

It is an offence for the lessor or landlord of any premises or his agent to let the whole or part of the premises with the knowledge that it is to be used, in whole or in part, as a brothel, or, where the whole or part of the premises is used as a brothel, to be wilfully a party to that use continuing.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C2** s. 34 extended by [Sexual Offences Act 1967 \(c. 60\), s. 6](#)

### 35 Tenant permitting premises to be used as brothel.

- (1) It is an offence for the tenant or occupier, or person in charge, of any premises knowingly to permit the whole or part of the premises to be used as a brothel.
- (2) Where the tenant or occupier of any premises is convicted <sup>F2</sup>... of knowingly permitting the whole or part of the premises to be used as a brothel, the First Schedule to this Act shall apply to enlarge the rights of the lessor or landlord with respect to the assignment or determination of the lease or other contract under which the premises are held by the person convicted.
- (3) Where the tenant or occupier of any premises is so convicted, <sup>F3</sup>... and either—
  - (a) the lessor or landlord, after having the conviction brought to his notice, fails or failed to exercise his statutory rights in relation to the lease or contract under which the premises are or were held by the person convicted; or
  - (b) The lessor or landlord, after exercising his statutory rights so as to determine that lease or contract, grants or granted a new lease or enters or entered into a new contract of tenancy of the premises to, with or for the benefit of the same person, without having all reasonable provisions to prevent the recurrence of the offence inserted in the new lease or contract;

then, if subsequently an offence under this section is committed in respect of the premises during the subsistence of the lease or contract referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection or (where paragraph (b) applies) during the subsistence of the new lease or contract, the lessor or landlord shall be deemed to be a party to that offence unless he shows that he took all reasonable steps to prevent the recurrence of the offence.

References in this subsection to the statutory rights of a lessor or landlord refer to his rights under the First Schedule to this Act <sup>F3</sup>....

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** Words in s. 35(2) repealed (21.7.2008) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2008 \(c. 12\), Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)

**F3** Words in s. 35(3) repealed (21.7.2008) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2008 \(c. 12\), Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C3** s. 35 extended by [Sexual Offences Act 1967 \(c. 60\), s. 6](#)

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### **36 Tenant permitting premises to be used for prostitution.**

It is an offence for the tenant or occupier of any premises knowingly to permit the whole or part of the premises to be used for the purposes of habitual prostitution. [<sup>F4</sup>(whether any prostitute involved is male or female)]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F4** Words in s. 36 inserted (1.5.2004) by [Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 141, [Sch. 1 para. 1](#); [S.I. 2004/874](#), art. 2

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