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COVID-19 – UPDATE ON PREVENTING SQUATTERS IN COMMERCIAL PREMISES (ENGLAND AND WALES)

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SUMMARY

With a large number of retail and restaurant premises closing temporarily due to COVID-19, there is an increased risk of squatters breaking into commercial premises. Unlike residential premises, it is not a criminal offence to squat in commercial premises and the police will not take any action unless there is a breach of the peace. Although tenants will retain liability for security during any period of closure, it is in both the landlord and tenant's interest to take proactive steps to minimise the risk of property being illegally occupied and damaged.

Please see our [guidance note](#) for more details.

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