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# PUBLIC WARNING.

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## CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

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Among other provisions of the Children Act, Parents or other persons having the charge of Children are made liable to fines or other penalties for

- (1) Leaving a child under the age of 7 in a room with a fire without a fireguard, or without taking other precautions, if the child is burned to death or seriously injured.
- (2) Taking or sending a child under the age of 14 into the drinking bar of a public-house, or any part of the premises exclusively or mainly used for the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor.
- (3) Giving to a child under the age of 5 any intoxicating liquor (except in cases of illness, &c.)

Persons, other than relatives, undertaking for payment, and for more than 48 hours, the care of one or more infants under the age of 7 away from their parents, must send notice of the fact to the Clerk to the Board of Guardians (in London to the Clerk to the London County Council, Spring Gardens, S.W.; in Scotland, to the Clerk to the Parish Council).

Exceptions may be made where the infants have been boarded out by a charitable society.

**PAWNBROKERS** must not accept goods from children under 14 (in London and Liverpool, under 16).

**DEALERS IN OLD METAL** must not buy from children under 16.

**TOBACCONISTS** must not sell to persons under 16 cigarettes or cigarette papers (nor any other tobacco if there is reason to believe it is for the use of the person under 16).

This does not apply to boys employed in the trade or to boy messengers in uniform employed by messenger companies.

Persons giving entertainments to children, where there are more than a hundred children and any of them go up a staircase to their seats, must have a sufficient number of grown-up attendants to secure the safety of the children in case of fire, &c.

This does not apply to entertainments in private houses.

The Act is in force from April 1st, 1909.

*Home Office, 24th March, 1909.*

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Copies of the Children Act, price 9½d., or 11½d. post free, may be ordered at certain Post Offices, or may be obtained from Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C.; Oliver and Boyd, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

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