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For more information on the work of Trading Standards services - and the possible consequences of not abiding by the law - please see 'Trading Standards: powers, enforcement and penalties'.

In this update

Extra information about the DMCCA added, along with brief information on acting as a credit broker.

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Key legislation

- Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974
- Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004
- Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008
- Building Regulations 2010
- Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013
- Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
- Consumer Rights Act 2015
- Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

< The legal requirements

Please note

This information is intended for guidance; only the courts can give an authoritative interpretation of the law.

The guide's 'Key legislation' links go to the legislation.gov.uk website. The site usually updates the

> legislation to include any amendments made to it. However, this is not always the case. Information on all changes made to legislation can be found by following the above links and clicking on the 'More Resources' tab.

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