

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK



HOUSE OF LORDS  
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Lethal Force Act

*Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**Article 1.**

'Agent' here shall be defined as 'any employee of the Government, its agencies, services, the British Armed Forces, or departments, that has possession of a weapon or tool that can be used to cause the death of another person.'

**Article 2.**

Agents may only utilise lethal force in the following situations:

- A. If there is reasonable belief there is an immediate threat to the agent's life;
- B. If there is reasonable belief there is an immediate threat to another person in the vicinity of the agent;
- C. If there is reasonable belief a violent crime is about to be committed;
- D. If there is reasonable belief that, through the use of lethal force, a terror offence will be committed;
- E. If there is reasonable belief a person trespassing in the Ministry of Defence or other restricted area will not leave, and there are no agents with arresting powers in the vicinity, or it would not be expedient to notify the agent with arresting powers.

**Article 3.**

This bill will be known as the "Lethal Force Act".

This bill comes into effect upon the moment of its promulgation.

Nothing in this bill shall be construed as to expand the rights of the national services, agencies, and departments, in relation to accessing the Ministry of Defence.

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