

South Australia

South Australian Public Health (Severe Domestic Squalor) Policy 2013

under the South Australian Public Health Act 2011

1. Interpretation

Domestic premises means premises for occupation as a place of residence;

General duty means the duty specified under Part 6 of the Act to take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimise any harm to public health;

Relevant authority has the definition given by Part 12 of the Act;

Severe domestic squalor in relation to domestic premises means: premises whose condition of squalor is such as to present a risk of harm to the health of neighbours, residents, visitors, persons legally authorised to enter the premises, or others;

The Act means the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011*;

The Guideline means *A Foot in the Door*, a guideline prepared by the Chief Public Health Officer and published on the Department for Health and Ageing website.

2. Severe domestic squalor management objectives

The objective of this policy is to apply the objects and principles of the Act through the identification and management of severe domestic squalor.

3. Severe domestic squalor to constitute a risk to public health

A condition of severe domestic squalor in domestic premises constitutes a risk to public health for the purposes of the Act.

4. Application of the general duty

Severe domestic squalor, as assessed by the relevant authority, constitutes harm to public health for the purposes of the general duty in Part 6 of the Act.

5. Procedure to prevent or manage severe domestic squalor

In order to identify and manage the public health risks of severe domestic squalor the relevant authority shall where applicable have regard to section 16 of the Guideline.