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DEALING WITH DISREPAIR

A guide to inspection
and diagnosis



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Understanding buildings is something which is usually left up to surveyors. It shouldn't be.

Millions of people suffer as a result of serious disrepair in their home. To remedy this quickly, housing managers need to understand the buildings their tenants are living in, accurately define what repair is needed and know how to get work done.

Until now, there has been no simple guide to this.

Dealing with Disrepair breaks new ground: describing building materials and structures in simple language, and giving a step by step guide to recording and diagnosing disrepair. Possible follow-up action and court proceedings are fully covered. The thousands of people who deal with disrepair in their daily work, now have the tool they need.

Dealing with Disrepair will be a valuable asset not only to housing managers and students of housing management. Lawyers involved in housing litigation, as well as tenants and leaseholders will all need this by their side.

This is the practice of tackling disrepair problems. The law on repairs is covered in this book's companion volume *Repairs and Maintenance* by the barrister Alyson Kilpatrick.

"Housing managers and other non-specialists who have to inspect and diagnose disrepair in the housing stock should welcome this easy-to-read addition to Arden's Housing Library. Patrick Reddin's book should make a valuable contribution to raising standards and customer care, efficiency and effectiveness in this area of concern to both owners and occupiers."

Simon Pott, *President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (1995-96)*

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