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Introduction

1 Background

Welcome to the Buildings at Risk Toolkit, part of an initiative funded by Historic Scotland and managed by The Architectural Heritage Fund. It explores and guides on ways to tackle Scotland's most endangered historic buildings in response to the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework Indicator for the historic environment. The Toolkit comprises a suite of texts on a range of matters relating to buildings at risk, each of which can be downloaded as PDF files. The toolkit is aimed mainly at those engaging with buildings at risk cases and contains technical and practical information and guidance gathered from a range of sources including the experience of a number of highly experienced practitioners and stakeholders. It may also be of value to those with a general interest in built heritage matters as it brings together information not readily accessible elsewhere.

The toolkit is intended to offer effective guidance, information and knowledge of good practice and therefore draws on relevant examples from outwith Scotland, principally England and Wales but also from the United States. As different legal and policy contexts apply in these areas readers should obviously be cautious in their direct application to situations in Scotland.

The toolkit pages are made available to all via the Buildings at Risk Register for Scotland web site. Through publication in digital form it is hoped that the toolkit can be developed and improved over time in response to feedback from and the evolving needs of its users.

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The text contains references to legislation and its interpretation that may contain inaccuracies or be out of date. Ensure you take appropriate professional advice before making decisions relating to property. Feedback, relevant case studies and suggested changes are welcomed.

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