



# **Enforcing Orders for Possession**

As High Court Enforcement Officers, Equivo are authorised by the Ministry of Justice to enforce orders for possession issued in England and Wales. We can enforce possession orders obtained in the High Court and County Court.

Whether you have an order for the eviction of squatters (orders directed to 'Persons unknown') or an order for the eviction of a named tenant, we can help you secure possession of your property. We can also help to recover any sum of money awarded in the original order or under a separate monetary judgment.

If you have a County Court order against squatters (an order directed against 'Persons unknown'), we can transfer the matter for enforcement very easily. All we will need is permission from the issuing County Court using court form n293a.

If the order is against a tenant (or named defendant), you will need to apply to the County Court for permission to transfer the case for enforcement purposes under section 42 of the County Courts Act (1984).

In either case, it is advisable to contact our Client Services Team in advance of obtaining the order so that we can provide you with the relevant advice and minimise any delay in the process.

## How long will it take?

Once you have obtained the possession order and permission to transfer (form n293a), we can arrange for the drafting and sealing of a writ of possession immediately. Our Central London Judgment Enforcement Office is based directly opposite the Royal Courts of Justice at 212 Strand, London WC2R 1BE. Our convenient location means that we can process writs for sealing on the day of instruction.

We can enforce writs of possession immediately, which means that we can carry out evictions within 24-48 hours. Please note that it may be prudent in some cases to provide notice to the occupant(s).



# What will you do once the writ is obtained?

Once we have received the writ, our Enforcement Officers will be dispatched to attend the Defendant's address. We will arrange for a locksmith to attend in order to help gain possession (if necessary) and to change locks. We and will require any occupant(s) to leave and will post the relevant notices confirming our instruction and remit. Once vacant possession is obtained we will advise our client accordingly. We may also make some recommendations in relation to securing the premises on an ongoing basis. Through our network of business partners we can provide shuttering and alarm services to help protect premises from unauthorised entry.

#### How much will it cost?

When we apply for a writ there is a £60.00 disbursement payable to HM Courts and Tribunal Service. This disbursement must be paid in advance. Our fees are calculated on a 'time spent' basis and will therefore vary with the nature of the instruction. Our rates are extremely competitive and we will be able to give you an indication as to our level of fees prior to undertaking your instruction. Please contact our Client Services Team for a quotation on 020 7788 8484.

## How do I instruct Equivo?

All you need to do is simply fill in our online form by clicking the 'Instruct Us' button below. For any questions, you can contact our team on **020 7788 8484**. Or for more information, visit our website at **www.equivo.com**.

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