West Lothian Council	BUILDING STANDARDS **DANGEROUS BUILDINGS** **Information Note 06**

'West Lothian Council is committed to providing the people of West Lothian with services which are reliable, courteous and effective'

On 1 May 2005 the Building Standards procedures changed for dangerous buildings

Dangerous Buildings

It is important that property owners maintain their properties for their own benefit and for the benefit of the general public.

If we receive a report of a dangerous building we will follow the following procedure;

- We will agree with the person reporting the suspected dangerous building an appropriate response period. This may vary from immediate action to within 24 hours if it is not critical that we attend immediately.
- We will visit the property and carry out a visual inspection of the reported danger.
- If the danger is severe we will try to arrange with the owner to have the work carried out immediately.
- If this does not prove possible we will carry out the minimum work needed to remove the danger or keep the public at a distance from the danger (this may involve demolition)
- In all cases we will issue a notice under of The Building (Scotland) Act 2003.
- If the owner does not carry out the work within a set timescale we will carry the minimum work out on his/her behalf and recover the cost from them.

We are always delighted to receive suggestions for improving our standards and performance.
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