

## Chapter 9

### Our powers



9.7 Prosecution

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We can prosecute societies for offences under the Act. These are criminal offences and include:

  - (1) not sending us annual returns or other documents we require;
  - (2) an officer not carrying out any duties which an officer of the society is required to do;
  - (3) deliberately ignoring or refusing a request for information from us or from anyone we have authorised, e.g. an auditor;
  - (4) giving false or incomplete information or returns.
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If an officer personally did not commit any of these offences, but was aware of the offence or did not try to prevent the offence, that officer may still be prosecuted.
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We publish our prosecutions of societies. Details of past prosecutions can be found here.

[**Note:** <https://www.fca.org.uk/firms/annual-returns-accounts-mutual-societies/prosecutions-cancellations>]