

Professional Dog Walkers Scheme
Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005.
The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Brighton and Hove) Order 2009

What happens if my dog fouls and I do not clear it up?

If you do not clear up after a dog in your charge you can be issued with a fixed penalty or prosecuted.

Is it the law?

Yes it is the Law. It is an offence not to remove dog mess throughout the city of Brighton and Hove.

Where does this apply?

If a dog fouls on land to which this order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog fails to remove the mess forthwith, that person is guilty of an offence.

Unless...

- 1) The person has a reasonable excuse for not doing so.
- 2) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his/her failing to do so.

What happens if I do not have a poop-scoop?

Improvise - find some paper or a discarded bag, ask a fellow dog walker. Next time be prepared; know your dog's habits. Failure to have a poop-scoop is not a reasonable excuse.

What is the maximum fine?

A fixed penalty notice is £80.
The maximum fine upon conviction is £1,000.

Can I come back later and clear it up?

No dogs' mess must be removed immediately.

Are there any exceptions to the rule?

Yes there are. Assistant dogs such as guide dogs are exempt from the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.