

These notes refer to the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 6 to 17 – Stalking Protection Orders

Section 16 - Offences relating to notification

This section provides that it is a criminal offence to fail to comply with the notification requirements without reasonable excuse or knowingly to provide the police with false information. It will be for a court to decide what constitutes a reasonable excuse in a particular case.

Subsection (2) provides the penalty for the offence relating to notification requirements.

The maximum penalty on summary conviction (heard in a magistrates' court) is 6 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (£5,000) or both.

The maximum penalty on conviction on indictment (heard in a crown court) is 5 years imprisonment or a fine, or both.