
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Prison and Young Offenders Centre
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009**

Rule 32 (Restriction of association)

13.—(1) Rule 32 (restriction of association) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) after “discipline,” insert “or to ensure the safety of officers, prisoners or any other person”.

(3) After paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) Where a prisoner’s association is restricted to ensure the safety of officers, prisoners or any other person, the prisoner may be accommodated in a cell equipped to aid the retrieval of any unauthorised or prohibited article which he may have in his possession.”.

(4) In paragraph (2) for “48” substitute “72”.

(5) In paragraph (4) for “such a prisoner” to the end substitute “a prisoner who is subject to restriction of association to resume full or increased association with other prisoners at any time, and in exercising that discretion the governor shall fully consider any recommendation that the prisoner resumes full or increased association on health and well-being grounds made by a registered general practitioner or a registered nurse or a health care officer”.