
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 356

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2)
(Amendment No. 24) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2020**

15. After Regulation 6 insert-

“Overnight stays

6A.—(1) No person may, without a reasonable excuse, stay overnight at any place other than the place where they normally live or where their linked household normally lives, except (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 1(12) of Schedule 1) where the overnight stay is in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, bunkhouse, hostel, guest accommodation, self-catering establishment or guest house;

(2) For the purposes of (1), a reasonable excuse includes the need where reasonably necessary—

- (a) to access medical or hospital services;
- (b) to travel for the purposes of work or to provide voluntary or charitable services, where it is not reasonably possible for that person to work, or to provide those services, from the place where they are living;
- (c) to attend a funeral of a member of the person’s household, a close family member or a friend;
- (d) to fulfil a legal obligation, including attending court or satisfying bail conditions, or to participate in legal proceedings;
- (e) to access critical public services, including social services, childcare or educational facilities (where these are available to a child in relation to whom that person is the parent, or has parental responsibility for, or care of the child);
- (f) to access services provided to victims (such as victims of crime);
- (g) in the case of a minister of religion or worship leader, to go to their place of worship;
- (h) to move house where reasonably necessary;
- (i) to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm.
- (j) to stay elsewhere overnight if unable to return to their private dwelling due to an emergency.”