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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 55**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Offences and penalties**

8.—(1) A person who—

- (a) without reasonable excuse contravenes a requirement in regulation 3, 4, 6 or 7, or
- (b) contravenes a requirement in regulation 5,

commits an offence.

(2) A person who obstructs, without reasonable excuse, any person carrying out a function under these Regulations commits an offence.

(3) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a direction given under regulation 7, or fails to comply with a reasonable instruction or a prohibition notice given by a relevant person under regulation 7, commits an offence.

(4) An offence under this regulation is punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(5) Article 26 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989<sup>(1)</sup> applies in relation to an offence under this regulation as if the reasons in paragraph (5) of that Article included—

- (a) to maintain public health;
- (b) to maintain public order.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation, references to a requirement include references to a restriction.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [S.I. 1989/1341 \(N.I. 12\)](#). Article 26 was substituted by Articles 1(2) and 15(1) (with Article 15(3)) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007