
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 No. 93

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

PART 6

ENFORCEMENT

Offences and Penalties

22.—(1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a requirement under regulations these Regulations, commits an offence.

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

(3) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a direction or fails to comply with a reasonable instruction, or fails to comply with an improvement notice given by an enforcement officer under regulation 18 or a prohibition notice given by a relevant officer under regulation 20, commits an offence.

(4) An offence—

(a) under regulation 3 to 9, 10(1), 16 or 17 is punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding £10,000;

(b) under any other provision referred to in 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⁽¹⁾ 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.