
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 350

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus,
Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020**

Restrictions on movement

6.—(1) During the emergency period, no person may leave [^{F1}or be outside of] the place where they are living without reasonable excuse.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a reasonable excuse includes the need—

- (a) to obtain basic necessities, including food and medical supplies for those in the same household (including any pets or animals in the household) or for vulnerable persons and supplies for the essential upkeep, maintenance and functioning of the household, or the household of a vulnerable person, ^{F2}... including from any business listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2;
- [^{F3}(aa) to obtain money from or deposit money with any business listed in paragraphs 33 or 34 of Schedule 2;]
- [^{F4}(ab) to collect goods which have been ordered from a business in any way permitted under regulation 5(1)(a);]
- [^{F5}(b) to take exercise—
 - (i) alone,
 - (ii) with one or more members of their household, or
 - (iii) with one member of another household;]
- [^{F6}(ba) to visit a public open space for the purposes of open-air recreation to promote their physical or mental health or emotional wellbeing—
 - (i) alone,
 - (ii) with one or more members of their household, or
 - (iii) with one member of another household;]
- (c) to seek medical assistance, including to access any of the services referred to in paragraph 37 or 38 of Schedule 2;
- (d) to provide care or assistance, including relevant personal care within the meaning of paragraph 7(3B) of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 ^{M1}, to a vulnerable person, or to provide emergency assistance;
- (e) to donate blood;
- (f) to ^{F7}... 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;
- (g) to attend a funeral of—
 - (i) a member of the person's household,
 - (ii) a close family member, or

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- (iii) if no-one within sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) are attending, a friend;
- [^{F8}(ga) to visit a burial ground or garden of remembrance, to pay respects to a member of the person’s household, a family member or friend;]
- (h) to fulfil a legal obligation, including attending court or satisfying bail conditions, or to participate in legal proceedings;
- (i) to access critical public services, including—
 - (i) childcare or educational facilities (where these are still available to a child in relation to whom that person is the parent, or has parental responsibility for, or care of the child);
 - (ii) social services;
 - (iii) services provided by the [^{F9}Department for Work] and Pensions;
 - (iv) services provided to victims (such as victims of crime);
- (j) in relation to children who do not live in the same household as their parents, or one of their parents, to continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children, and for the purposes of this paragraph, “parent” includes a person who is not a parent of the child, but who has parental responsibility for, or who has care of, the child;
- (k) in the case of a minister of religion or worship leader, to go to their place of worship;
- [^{F10}(l) to undertake any of the following activities in connection with the purchase, sale, letting or rental of a residential property—
 - (i) visiting estate or letting agents, developer sales offices or show homes;
 - (ii) viewing residential properties to look for a property to buy or rent;
 - (iii) preparing a residential property to move in;
 - (iv) moving home;
 - (v) visiting a residential property to undertake any activities required for the rental or sale of that property;]
- (m) to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm.
- [^{F11}(n) to use a waste or recycling centre.]

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the place where a person is living includes the premises where they live together with any garden, yard, passage, stair, garage, outhouse or other appurtenance of such premises.

(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any person who is homeless.

[^{F12}(5) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(ba), “public open space” includes—

- (a) land laid out as a public garden or used for the purpose of recreation by members of the public;
- (b) land which is “open country” as defined in section 59(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, as read with section 16 of the Countryside Act 1968;
- (c) land which is “access land” for the purposes of Part 1 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (see section 1(1) of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 6(1) inserted (22.4.2020 at 11.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/447\)](#), regs. 1, **2(4)(a)**

- F2** Words in reg. 6(2)(a) omitted (22.4.2020 at 11.00 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/447), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)(i)**
- F3** Reg. 6(2)(aa) inserted (22.4.2020 at 11.00 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/447), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)(ii)**
- F4** Reg. 6(2)(ab) inserted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(i)** (with reg. 3)
- F5** Reg. 6(2)(b) substituted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(ii)** (with reg. 3)
- F6** Reg. 6(2)(ba) inserted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(iii)** (with reg. 3)
- F7** Words in reg. 6(2)(f) omitted (13.5.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(iv)** (with reg. 3)
- F8** Reg. 6(2)(ga) inserted (22.4.2020 at 11.00 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/447), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)(iii)**
- F9** Words in reg. 6(2)(i)(iii) substituted (22.4.2020 at 11.00 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/447), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)(iv)**
- F10** Reg. 6(2)(l) substituted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(v)** (with reg. 3)
- F11** Reg. 6(2)(n) inserted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)(vi)** (with reg. 3)
- F12** Reg. 6(5) inserted (13.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/500), regs. 1, **2(3)(b)** (with reg. 3)

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 6 in force at made date at 1.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 2006 c. 47. Sub-paragraph (3B) was substituted, with sub-paragraphs (1), (3) and (3A) to (3E) for sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) by s. 66(2) of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9).

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