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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART II

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

CHAPTER V

POWERS OF FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICERS

*Powers in the event of emergency, etc.*

**Powers of fire and rescue officers in an emergency, etc.**

**18.**—(1) A fire and rescue officer being on duty, may do anything he reasonably believes to be necessary—

- (a) if he reasonably believes a fire to have broken out or to be about to break out, for the purpose of extinguishing or preventing the fire or protecting life or property;
- (b) if he reasonably believes a road traffic accident to have occurred, for the purpose of rescuing persons or protecting them from serious harm;
- (c) if he reasonably believes an emergency of another kind to have occurred, for the purpose of carrying out any function conferred on the Board in relation to the emergency; and
- (d) for the purpose of preventing or limiting damage to property resulting from action taken as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

(2) In particular, a fire and rescue officer may under paragraph (1)—

- (a) enter premises, by force if necessary, without the consent of the owner or occupier of the premises;
- (b) move or break into a vehicle without the consent of its owner;
- (c) close a road;
- (d) stop and regulate traffic; and
- (e) restrict the access of persons to premises.