
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

Restrictions on participating in regulated activity

Barred person not to engage in regulated activity

- 11.**—(1) An individual commits an offence if he—
- (a) seeks to engage in regulated activity from which he is barred;
 - (b) offers to engage in regulated activity from which he is barred;
 - (c) engages in regulated activity from which he is barred.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to a fine, or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (1) to prove that he did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, that he was barred from that activity.
- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (1) to prove—
- (a) that he reasonably thought that it was necessary for him to engage in the activity for the purpose of preventing harm to a child or vulnerable adult (as the case may be),
 - (b) that he reasonably thought that there was no other person who could engage in the activity for that purpose, and
 - (c) that he engaged in the activity for no longer than was necessary for that purpose.
- (5) For the purposes of this Article, Schedule 2 is modified as follows—
- (a) in paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs (1)(b) and (2)(a) must be disregarded;
 - (b) in paragraph 7(1), the words “if it is carried out frequently by the same person or the period condition is satisfied” must be disregarded;
 - (c) in paragraph 7(4), paragraph (a) must be disregarded.