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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Mines Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 6**

**SAFE EXIT, ESCAPE AND RESCUE**

**Ways out from places of work**

**49.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the mine operator shall ensure that every place where a person works has at least two ways out.

(2) At least two of the ways out required by paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be clearly identified;
- (b) be passable with reasonable convenience;
- (c) be separate from each other; and
- (d) lead to a different exit from the mine.

(3) The requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply in relation to a heading or other place from which it is not reasonably practicable to provide at least two ways out that comply with paragraph (2), provided that the mine operator ensures that the following conditions are met—

- (a) there are in place suitable procedures to ensure that all persons can leave the place safely;
- (b) the activities carried out in the place are limited to those that are required to be carried out there; and
- (c) the persons present at the place at any time are limited to those necessary for the activity or activities being carried out there.