
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 313

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART IV

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Powers of entry and inspection

23.—(1) An authorised person may, on production if so required of his authority, enter a sports ground at any reasonable time, and—

- (a) make such inspection of it and such inquiries relating to it as he considers necessary for the purposes of Part II, and in particular may—
 - (i) examine records of attendance at the ground and records relating to the maintenance of safety at the ground; and
 - (ii) take copies of such records;
 - (b) make such inspection of the stands and such inquiries relating to them as he considers necessary for the purposes of Part III, and in particular may—
 - (i) examine records of the number of spectators accommodated, and the maintenance of safety, in the regulated stands at the ground; and
 - (ii) take copies of such records.
- (2) In paragraph (1) “authorised” means authorised by—
- (a) the council;
 - (b) the Chief Constable;
 - (c) the [^{F1}Fire and Rescue Service Board] ; or
 - (d) the Department.
- (3) Any person who—
- (a) intentionally obstructs any person in the exercise of powers under this Article; or
 - (b) without reasonable excuse refuses, neglects or otherwise fails to answer any question asked by any person in the exercise of such powers,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in art. 23 substituted (15.11.2010) by [Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 63(1), [Sch. 3 para. 27](#) (with arts. 49, 62); S.R. 2010/328, [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, Section 23.