

**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER**

10. The Order is divided into four parts, Part I is Introductory.  
The Articles in Part II (Safety of Designated Sports Grounds) deal with the designation of sports grounds, the contents, the application process, the amendment, replacement etc of safety certificates for designated sports grounds and the appeals process in relation to the safety certificates. They also deal with the issuing of prohibition notices and the associated appeal procedures and offences and penalties relating to breaches of the terms and conditions of a safety certificate or a prohibition notice.  
The Articles in Part III (Safety of Stands at other Sports Grounds) deal with the contents, the issuing, the amendment, and replacement etc of safety certificates for stands at other sports grounds (ie non-designated sports grounds) and the appeals process in relation to the safety certificates. They also deal with the offences and penalties relating to breaches of the terms and conditions of a safety certificate or a prohibition notice.  
The Articles in Part IV (General and Supplementary) empower the Department to make regulations, empower District Councils to enforce the Order and give powers of entry and inspection to authorised persons.