

**WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

**S.I. 2006 3336**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**OVERVIEW OF THE ORDER**

**Part VIII - Undertakers Powers and Works**

*Chapter II – Protection of Undertaker’s Works, apparatus etc. (Articles 236 – 240)*

118. This Chapter sets out offences and penalties in regard to intentional or reckless interference with the works, apparatus (including meters) or infrastructure of the undertaker.
119. Such offences include connection to the undertaker’s water or sewerage pipes without its consent or building over pipes without permission (Article 236). Interfering with or carrying out works which affect the operation of meters installed for the purpose of fixing charges (Article 237) is also an offence.
120. These Articles also set out the penalties (in the form of fines) for any such actions.
121. A person who intentionally obstructs any person authorised by the undertaker to carry out works in pursuit of its functions under the Order will also be guilty of an offence and will be liable to fines under Article 240.