
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 912

**The Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions)
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

Police powers.

Closure of roads, etc.

12.—(1) If a constable considers it immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace or the maintenance of order, he may—

- (a) wholly or partly close a road;
- (b) divert or otherwise interfere with a road or the use of a road;
- (c) prohibit or restrict the exercise of a right of way;
- (d) prohibit or restrict the use of a waterway.

(2) A person commits an offence if he interferes with—

- (a) works executed in connection with the exercise of the power conferred by paragraph (1); or
- (b) any apparatus, equipment or other thing used in connection with the exercise of that power.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (2) to prove that he had a reasonable excuse for his interference.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (2) shall be liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months,
- (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
- (c) both.

(5) Proceedings for an offence under this Article shall not be instituted without the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

(6) In this Article —

“road” has the same meaning as in the [Road Traffic Regulation \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 2\)](#);

“waterway” has the same meaning as in the [Water \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(NI 6\)](#).