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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

**PART H**

**Stairs, ramps, guarding and protection from impact**

**Application and interpretation**

**H1.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3), (4) and (5) this Part shall apply to any building or part of a building.

(2) The requirements of regulation H4(1) shall not apply—

- (a) to the extent that compliance therewith would unreasonably obstruct normal movement into, out of or within any building;
- (b) in relation to the two steps at the bottom of a stair where the landing from which the stair rises does not require guarding in accordance with that paragraph;
- (c) in relation to a flight within a stair with a total rise of less than 600 mm;
- (d) in relation to a sunken area less than 600 mm in depth; and
- (e) in relation to a roof or other place to which access is solely for maintenance purposes provided that either—
  - (i) access is infrequent; or
  - (ii) any fall would be—
    - (A) less than 2000 mm; or
    - (B) to an area which does not present a hazard.

(3) The requirements of regulation H4(2) shall not apply in relation to a car showroom, a garage within the boundary of a dwelling, or a single storey building comprising two or more garages each of which has an area not exceeding 40 m<sup>2</sup>.

(4) The requirements of regulation H6 shall not apply to—

- (a) a dwelling; and
- (b) a door or gate which is part of a lift.

(5) Insofar as they relate to a dwelling, the requirements of regulation H7 shall only apply to a window, skylight or ventilator which opens over a public route of travel.

(6) For the purposes of this Part access to any place is infrequent if it takes place on average on less than one occasion a month during the course of a year.

(7) In this Part—

BALCONY includes a gallery;

BARRIER includes a wall or screen;

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FLIGHT means that part of a stair or ladder between landings that has a step or a continuous series of steps;

LADDER means a fixed ladder having a flight with a pitch greater than 55°;

LANDING means a platform situated—

- (a) at the top or bottom of a stair, ladder or ramp; and
- (b) between consecutive flights of stairs;

RAMP means an inclined surface which provides a route of travel; and

STAIR means a flight or flights (other than a ladder) and landings that make it possible to pass on foot to another level or levels.