
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

PART E

Fire safety

Application and interpretation

32.—(1) Regulations 33 and 35(3) shall not apply to a prison within the meaning of the Prisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(1) or any other place of lawful detention.

(2) In this Part—

“Dwelling” means a self-contained unit of residential accommodation occupied (whether or not as a sole or main residence)—

- (a) by a single person or by people living together as a family; or
- (b) by not more than 6 people living together as a single household, including a household where care is provided for residents;

“Dwellinghouse” means a dwelling on one or more storeys which is detached or forms part of a building from all other parts of which it is divided only vertically and does not include a flat;

“Flat” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 in Part A;

“Internal linings” means the materials lining any partition, wall, ceiling or other internal structure;

“Means of escape” means structural means whereby, in the event of a fire, a safe route or routes is or are provided for people to travel from any point in a building to a place of safety; and

“Place of safety” means a place, outside the building, in which people are in no danger from fire within the building.