
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 151

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Reasonable excuse

5. For the purposes of regulation 4(1), a reasonable excuse includes—
- (a) the need to seek medical assistance;
 - (b) the need to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person, including to provide emergency assistance;
 - (c) the need to avoid injury, illness or to escape a risk of harm;
 - (d) where the person cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering—
 - (i) because of any disability (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995⁽¹⁾); or
 - (ii) without severe distress;
 - (e) the need to communicate with a person who has difficulties communicating (in relation to speech, language or otherwise);
 - (f) to eat or drink, where reasonably necessary;
 - (g) the need to take medication;
 - (h) the need to remove a face covering temporarily to comply with a request by a relevant person or another person acting in the course of their duties.