



# Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 6

### PART III

#### SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

##### PROVISIONS FOR SECURING SAFE INGRESS AND EGRESS

*Ss. 22-25 rep. by SR 1998/375*

*Ss. 26, 27 rep. by SR 1980/333*

#### <sup>F1</sup>28 Provision of winding and haulage apparatus.

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**F1** S. 28 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#) (S.R. 2016/427), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.29 rep. by SR 1980/333*

##### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SHAFTS, &C., AND ENTRANCES TO DISUSED WORKINGS

#### <sup>F2</sup>30 Securing of shafts and staple-pits.

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**F2** S. 30 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#) (S.R. 2016/427), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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**<sup>F3</sup>31 Safety precautions with respect to entrances to shafts, staple-pits and outlets.**

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**F3** S. 31 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.32 rep. by SR 1980/333*

*Ss. 33-35 rep. by SR 1998/375*

**<sup>F4</sup>36 Prohibition of use of vehicles and conveyors in roads not affording free movement.**

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**F4** S. 36 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F5</sup>37 Transport rules.**

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**F5** S. 37 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.38 rep by SR 1980/333*

**<sup>F6</sup>39 Provisions for securing safety of foot-passengers in transport roads.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F6</sup>40 Provision of refuge holes.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F6</sup>41 Safety measures relating to use of vehicles.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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## PROVISIONS FOR SECURING SAFE OPERATION OF WINDING AND ROPE HAULAGE APPARATUS AND CONVEYORS

### **F<sup>6</sup>42 Charge of winding and rope haulage apparatus when persons are carried.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### **F<sup>6</sup>43 Charge of winding and rope haulage apparatus when persons are not carried.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### **F<sup>6</sup>44 Charge of conveyors at working faces.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### **F<sup>6</sup>45 Signalling in shafts and outlets.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### **F<sup>6</sup>46 Signalling in roads.**

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**F6** Ss. 39-46 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.47 rep. by SR 1980/333*

## SUPPORT

### **F<sup>7</sup>48 Duty to secure safety of roads and working places.**

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**F7** S. 48 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F8</sup>49 Systematic support in coal, shale and fireclay mines.**

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**F8** S. 49 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.50 rep. by SR 1980/333*

**<sup>F9</sup>51 Supply of materials for support.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F9</sup>52 Withdrawal of support.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F9</sup>53 Duties of deputies in relation to support.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**<sup>F9</sup>54 Provisions as to support rules.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

## VENTILATION

**<sup>F9</sup>55 Duty to provide adequate ventilation.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F9 56 Avoidance of danger from gas in waste.**

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**F9** Ss. 51-56 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.57 rep. by SR 1980/333*

**F10 58 Provisions as to means of ventilation.**

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**F10** Ss. 58-62 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F10 59 Prevention of leakage of air between airways.**

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**F10** Ss. 58-62 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F10 60 Provision of barometers and other measuring instruments.**

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**F10** Ss. 58-62 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

LIGHTING, LAMPS AND CONTRABAND

**F10 61 Lighting.**

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**F10** Ss. 58-62 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F10 62 Permitted lights.**

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**F10** Ss. 58-62 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.63 rep. by SR 1980/333*

**F11 64** **Prohibition of taking into mines safety-lamps not provided by owner or of approved type.**

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**F11** Ss. 64-67 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F11 65** **Offences relating to safety-lamps.**

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**F11** Ss. 64-67 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F11 66** **Prohibition of possession of smoking materials in certain mines and parts of mines.**

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**F11** Ss. 64-67 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F11 67** **Prohibition of taking into certain mines and parts of mines of articles producing flames or sparks.**

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**F11** Ss. 64-67 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.68 rep. by SR 1980/333*

## BLASTING MATERIALS AND DEVICES

**F12 69** **Blasting materials and devices.**

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**F12** S. 69 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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## FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND PROVISIONS AS TO RESCUE

*S. 70 rep. by SR 1998/375*

*Ss. 71, 72 rep. by SR 1980/333*

### <sup>F13</sup>**73 Means of escape from rooms in which there is special risk of fire, &c.**

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**F13** Ss. 73-77 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

## DUST PRECAUTIONS

### <sup>F13</sup>**74 Dust precautions.**

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**F13** Ss. 73-77 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

## PRECAUTIONS AGAINST EXTERNAL DANGERS TO WORKINGS

### <sup>F13</sup>**75 Duty of mine owners and managers to seek evidence of proximity of disused workings, water-bearing strata, &c.**

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**F13** Ss. 73-77 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### <sup>F13</sup>**76 Duty of mine owners and managers to ascertain thickness of strata between workings and surface water.**

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**F13** Ss. 73-77 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### <sup>F13</sup>**77 General duty to take precautions against intrushes of gas, water, &c.**

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**F13** Ss. 73-77 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.78 rep. by SR 1980/333*

#### DUTIES OF OFFICIALS AND WORKMEN IN CASES OF DANGER

**F1479** **Withdrawal of workmen in cases of danger.**

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**F14** S. 79 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F1580** **Duty of workmen to deal with, or report, danger.**

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**F15** S. 80 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

#### MACHINERY AND APPARATUS

*S. 81(1) rep. by SR 1993/19; subs. (2) rep. by SR 1980/333*

*S. 82 rep. by SR 1993/19*

**F1683** **Restrictions on use below ground of certain engines, &c.**

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**F16** S. 83 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F1784** **Air, gas and steam containers.**

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**F17** S. 84 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S. 85 rep. by SR 1999/304*



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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, MEANS OF ACCESS, &C.

**F1886 Buildings and structures to be kept safe.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F1887 Safe means of access and safe means of employment.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE

**F1888 Restriction on doing of work by unskilled persons.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F1889 Penalization of failure to observe safety directions, &c.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

**F1890 Penalization of negligent acts or omissions and unauthorised removal, &c., of articles.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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## FIRST-AID

### <sup>F18</sup>**91 First-aid.**

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**F18** Ss. 86-91 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND PROHIBITION OF HEAVY WORK

*S.92 rep. by SR 1980/333*

*S. 93 rep. by SR 1992/535*

## GENERAL WELFARE PROVISIONS

### <sup>F19</sup>**94 Sanitary conveniences**

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**F19** S. 94 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

### <sup>F20</sup>**95 Measures against vermin and insects.**

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**F20** S. 95 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

*S.96 rep. by SR 1980/333*

### <sup>F21</sup>**97 Supply of drinking water.**

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**F21** S. 97 repealed (1.2.2017) by [The Mines Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/427\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3](#)

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