

WinckworthSherwood

Welsh Covid Firebreak Regulations

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020 have been published today 22 October 2020. They come into effect at 6pm 23 October 2020. The regulations will expire at the end of the day 8 November 2020.

Below is a very brief summary.

Restrictions on Movement and Gathering with Others

No person in Wales may leave their home or gather with people who are not in their household, other than carers, without "reasonable excuse".

The regulations set out examples of what constitutes a reasonable excuse, however this is a non-exclusive list.

Businesses Which Must Close

Most non-essential businesses will be required to close. We append a list of these businesses to this Briefing.

Businesses are not required to close their online operations.

Businesses Subject to Part Closure

Restaurants, cafés, bars and public houses may only operate as take-away establishments or to provide food and drink to the homeless.

Workplace canteens may remain open if there is no practical alternative for staff to obtain food.

Hotels must close to the public unless they are used as a person's main residence or a person is residing there at 6pm 23 October 2020 and is unable to return to their main residence. Additionally, they may be authorised for use at the request of the Welsh Ministers or Local Authorities.

Businesses That May Remain Open with Restrictions

Food retailers including supermarkets, convenience stores and off licences, petrol stations and banks are among businesses that may remain open subject to limitations.

There is to be no sale or supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises between 10pm and 6am.

Businesses Which Must Close

- Businesses selling goods or services in a shop including:
 - Homeware stores
 - Nail and beauty salons
 - Establishments providing tanning, massages, piercings, tattooing, electrolysis or acupuncture
 - Auction houses
 - Car dealerships
 - Markets
 - Betting shops
 - Hair salons and barbers
 - Garden centres and plant nurseries
- Shopping centres and shopping arcades
- Cinemas
- Theatres

- Nightclubs, discotheques, dance halls and other dance venues
- Sexual entertainment venues
- Bingo halls
- Concert halls
- Casinos
- Skating rinks
- Swimming pools
- Leisure centres and leisure facilities including indoor fitness studios, gyms and spas
- Sports courts, skate parks, bowling greens, golf courses and enclosed sports grounds/pitches whether indoors or outdoors
- Bowling alleys, amusement arcades and indoor play areas
- Museums, galleries and archive services
- Funfairs, amusement parks and theme parks
- Visitor attractions and holiday, leisure activity or event businesses
- Recycling centres
- Libraries
- Estate or letting agents, developer sales offices and show homes
- Venues for events or conferences
 - This includes any venues for weddings other than places of worship and registry offices

Businesses Subject to Part Closure

- Restaurants including:
 - Restaurants and dining rooms in members' clubs
 - Restaurants in any hotel or holiday accommodation
- Cafés including workplace canteens and cafés in any hotel or holiday accommodation
- Bars including bars in members' clubs and in any hotel or holiday accommodation
- Public houses
- Hotels and holiday accommodation including:
 - Holiday sites
 - Camping sites
 - Hostels
 - Bed and breakfasts
 - Other holiday accommodation
- Places of worship
- Community centres
- Crematoriums

Businesses to Remain Open

- Food retailers including:
 - Food markets
 - Supermarkets
 - Convenience stores
 - Corner shops
 - Establishments selling food or drink for consumption off the premises
- Cafés and canteens in hospitals, care homes, schools or student accommodation
- Prison canteens

- Canteens intended for use for naval, military or air force purposes or for the Department of the Secretary of State responsible for defence
- Hospital libraries and libraries at educational establishments
- Newsagents
- Building supplies and hardware stores
- Pharmacies and chemists
- Bicycle shops
- Petrol stations
- Car repair and MOT services
- Taxi or vehicle hire businesses
- Banks, building societies, credit unions, short term loan providers, savings clubs, cash points and undertakings which by way of business operate currency exchange offices, transmit money (or any representation of money) by any means or cash cheques which are payable to customers
- Post offices
- Laundrettes and dry cleaners
- Dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services, including those related to mental health
- Veterinary surgeons and pet shops
- Agricultural or aqua cultural supplies shops
- Livestock markets or auctions
- Funeral directors

This is a brief summary of complex regulations. Please contact us if you have any questions.



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