

## The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020

The [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(England\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2020](#) came into force in England on 5th November 2020.

The Regulations state that no person may leave home or be outside of the place where they are living without reasonable excuse. (see Part 2 5.-(1)).

Among the exceptions listed in the Regulations that allow people to leave home are:

- (a) to attend a funeral
- (b) to attend a commemorative event celebrating the life of a person who has died
- (c) to visit a burial ground or garden of remembrance, to pay respects to a member of P's household, a family member or friend (see Part 2 6.-(9))

The Regulations also prohibit indoor or outdoor gatherings of more than 2 people, except for in certain circumstances, including:

### **Funerals: (see Part 3 11.-(13))**

- (a) the gathering is for the purposes of a funeral
- (b) the gathering consists of no more than 30 persons
- (c) the gathering takes place at premises, other than a private dwelling which —
  - i. are operated by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body, or
  - ii. are part of premises used for the operation of a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body, and (d) the gathering organiser or manager takes the required precautions in relation to the gathering (see regulation 14).

### **Commemorative event following a person's death (see Part 3 11.-(14))**

- (a) the gathering is for the purposes of a commemorative event to celebrate the life of a person who has died (for example, scattering ashes or a stone setting ceremony)

- (b) the gathering consists of no more than 15 persons
- (c) the gathering takes place at premises other than a private dwelling, and (d) the gathering organiser or manager takes the required precautions in relation to the gathering.

The Regulations also state:

A person who is responsible for a crematorium or burial ground must ensure that the crematorium or burial ground is closed to members of the public, except—

- (a) for funerals or burials
- (b) commemorative events celebrating the life of a person who has died
- (c) to allow a person to pay respects to a member of their household, a family member or friend (see Part 4 18.-(10))