

Information Sheet - Alcohol



Age Restricted Sales

- Premises which sell alcohol must be licensed. Each licensed premises must have a Designated Premises Supervisor to manage the shop and to authorise the sale of alcohol
- It is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18
- It is an offence for a shop manager or person in authority to knowingly allow the sale of alcohol to a person under 18
- It is an offence to deliver alcohol to a person under 18 on licensed premises
- It is an offence for anyone under the age of 18 to attempt to purchase alcohol
- It is an offence for anyone to attempt to purchase alcohol on behalf of a person under 18
- It is an offence to allow a person under the age of 18 to sell alcohol unless each sale has been approved by a responsible person who is over the age of 18
- It is an offence to sell liquor confectionery to anyone under the age of 16

What can I do to prevent illegal sales of alcohol?

Please refer to the sheet entitled Preventing Underage Sales for further information relating to the prevention of illegal sales of age restricted products.

If you are not sure the customer is over 18, ask for proof of age. If you are still not sure refuse the sale.

What are the penalties for breaking the law?

- The Police and Trading Standards Officers have the power to issue fixed penalty notices of £80 to those caught selling alcohol to underage people.
- If an illegal sale of alcohol is made the seller could be prosecuted and face a fine of up to £5,000. Depending on the circumstances, a personal licence holder, Designated Premises Supervisor and Premises Licence Holder may also be held responsible and may be prosecuted and face a fine.
- If repeated illegal sales of alcohol are made, a review of the premises licence may be sought which may result in the revocation of the licence.

Trading Standards Officers and the Police are responsible for enforcing the law on illegal sales of alcohol.

If you require further assistance call Cardiff Trading Standards on 029 2087 2059.

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