

# Information Sheet

## - Solvents and Cigarette lighter refills



Age Restricted Sales

### What does the law say?

- It is an offence to sell intoxicating substances to a person under 18 if you know or have reasonable cause to believe that the product is likely to be inhaled for the purpose of intoxication.
- It is an offence to sell butane gas lighter refills to anyone under the age of 18.

### What type of products are classed as intoxicating substances?

- Glue
- Aerosols
- Domestic cleaning fluids
- Dry cleaning fluids
- Office correction fluids and thinners
- Paint strippers and thinners

### What can I do to prevent illegal sales of cigarettes?

- Be wary of young people who buy solvents frequently or try to make multiple purchases.
- Also be wary of young people who are buying solvents who are acting suspiciously or are very giggly.
- Refuse to sell solvents if the purchaser is under 18 and cannot give you a genuine reason for buying the product
- See the information sheet included in this pack entitled Preventing Underage Sales for further guidance
- More information on the abuse of solvents can be found on the Re-solv website [www.re-solv.org](http://www.re-solv.org)

### What are the penalties for making an illegal sale?

An illegal sale of a solvent or cigarette lighter refill could result in a fine of up to £5,000, a prison term of up to 6 months or both.

### Where can I get further help?

Trading Standards Officers are responsible for enforcing the law on illegal sales of intoxicating substances. If you require further assistance call Cardiff Trading Standards on 029 2087 2059.

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