

Reporting Sales of Alcohol to Children Under 18

Derbyshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is committed to working in partnership with the Police and licensing authorities to tackle the sale of alcohol to children under 18 years of age.

It is a criminal offence to sell alcohol to a person under 18 and it is also illegal for a person under 18 to buy alcohol.

As well as protecting young people from the dangers of excessive drinking, licensing laws also seek to protect local communities from anti-social behaviour caused by young people who ignore the law and drink too much.

We realise that it is a small minority of young people who get drunk and cause trouble in this way. The majority of young people don't hang around street corners drinking and are just as concerned about anti-social behaviour as adults are.

The focus of the work of trading standards has been to educate people who sell alcohol on what the law requires and then tackle those who ignore the law by taking strong action where appropriate.

You can help us to do this by reporting any incidents which affect your local community. This information will allow us to identify which areas are suffering the most and target our resources accordingly.

Please complete the form attached in as much detail as possible. We **will** follow this information up and if appropriate, we can arrange for our young volunteers to visit the shop in question and attempt to buy alcohol.

Suspected sales of alcohol to young persons under 18

Date of Incident		
Name of premises		
Address of premises		
Did you witness a sale?	Yes/No	Approximate time
Description of product		
Do you know the buyer's age?	Yes/No	Age
Description of seller(s)		
Is there any other information that may assist us?		
<p>It may be useful to discuss the incident with you. Your contact details will be treated with strict confidence and not divulged to any other party.</p>		
Your name		
Your address		
Telephone Number		
E-mail address		

Please return this form to:

Trading Standards Division Cultural and Community Services Derbyshire County Council Chatsworth Hall Chesterfield Road Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3FW	Or you can pass on any information by: e-mail to trading.standards@derbyshire.gov.uk or Telephone 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058
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