

Alcohol Policy

1. It is against the law to sell alcohol to anyone under the age on 18

1.1. Challenge 25 is a retailing strategy that encourages anyone who is over 18 but looks under 25 to carry acceptable ID (a card bearing the PASS hologram, a photographic driving license or a passport) if they wish to buy alcohol. Staff have the right to refuse the sale of alcohol to any person who fails to prove they are over the age of 18.

1.2. ID for alcohol:

Acceptable forms of ID to prove you are over 18 include:

- a photo driving licence
- a passport
- a proof of age card, such as the PASS card from the national Proof of Age Standards Scheme.

1.3. It's a criminal offence to use false or borrowed ID to gain entry to licensed premises or to buy alcohol. The maximum penalty is a £5,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison. Staff have the right to refuse the sale of alcohol to an adult if they're accompanied by a child and think the alcohol is being bought for the child. It is against the law for an adult to buy alcohol on behalf of someone under 18

2. It an offence to sell or attempt to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk, or to allow alcohol to be sold to such a person on relevant premises.

2.1 It is an offence for a drunk or disorderly person, without reasonable excuse, to fail to leave relevant premises when requested to do so, or to enter or attempt to enter such premises after that person has requested him not to do so.

2.2 Section 91 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 which makes it an offence to behave in a disorderly manner in a public place whilst being drunk.

3. The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 20101 sets out the five new conditions that will apply to all licensed premises:

- Ban irresponsible promotions;
- Ban the dispensing of alcohol directly into the mouth; and
- Ensure that customers have access to free tap water so that they can space out their drinks and
- Require an age verification policy to be in place to prevent underage sales; and
- Ensure that customers have the opportunity to choose small measures of beers, ciders, spirits and wine.