



A Lisburn City Council guide to responsible Tobacco retailing



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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or to obtain a warning notice
for display in your premises, please contact:

Environmental Health Service, Lisburn City Council,
Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn BT27 4RL
Tel: 028 9250 9250

And remember when making a cigarette sale...

WARNING
**NO ID
NO SALE!**

TOBACCO
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Despite the widely publicised dangers of smoking, there are about **12 million adults** (28% of men and 24% of women) who **smoke cigarettes in the UK**. In addition, **450 children are starting to smoke every day**. (Action on Smoking and Health, January 2005).

You can help to reduce these statistics...

By adhering to your legal responsibility to ensure that no under age cigarette sales takes place in your premises.

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

The legislation that applies to tobacco sales is:

The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

Under this legislation:

- It is illegal to sell cigarettes or any other tobacco product to anyone under 16 years of age - even if they are for someone else

If you do you can be fined up to £2500!

- It is illegal to break open a packet of cigarettes and sell them individually

If you do you can be fined up to £1000!

- You must display a warning notice stating that
“it is illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 16”

The notice should be displayed at the point of sale at a position where it can be clearly seen by your customers.

Failure to have this notice on display can result in a fine of up to £1000!



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person buying cigarettes or tobacco products is 16 years of age or over.

- Ensure that you have a warning notice clearly displayed at the point of sale
 - Staff must be trained on any policy or procedures that are in place.
- You could also consider taking the following preventative steps to make sure you stay within the law:
- Do not sell cigarettes to persons in school uniform
 - Introduce a policy not to sell cigarettes to any person under 18 years of age
 - If you are unsure of a person's age ask for identification