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BUSINESS ADVICE GUIDE: UNDERAGE SALES

The Isle of Wight Trading Standards Service enforces legislation with regard to age restricted products and regularly carries out test purchasing exercises. We also periodically hold Seminars and will provide practical guidance and advice to local traders regarding compliance with the relevant legislation. Below is a table for your reference concerning these products, and should you have any query please do not hesitate to contact us on the above contact details.

Product	Age	Legislation
Aerosol Paints	16	Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 (S.54)
Air Weapons	18	Firearms Act 1968 (S24)
Alcohol	18	Licensing Act 2003 (S.146 & S.147)
Cigarette Lighter refills	18	Cigarette Lighter Refill (Safety) Regulations 1999 (Reg.2) and Consumer Protection Act 1987
Christmas Crackers	16	Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regs 2010
Crossbows	18	Crossbows Act 1987 (S.1)
Fireworks (excluding party poppers, caps etc)	18	Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 1997 (Reg.6) Fireworks Act 2003
Knives	18	Criminal Justice Act 1988 (S.141A) as amended by Offensive Weapons Act 1996
Liqueur Confectionery	16	Licensing Act 2003 (S.148)
Lottery products	16	National Lottery Act 1993 (S.13) and National Lottery Regulations 1994
Party Poppers, caps etc.	16	Explosives Act (S.31) & Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
Petroleum	16	Petroleum Consolidation Act 1928
Solvents	16	Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Act 1985 (S.1)
Tobacco	18	Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (S.7)
Videos, DVD and some computer/video games	12, 15 & 18	Video Recordings Act 1984 (S.11) amended 1993

As you are no doubt aware only a court can make authoritative decisions in any case and this leaflet has been issued purely as a guide to traders.

Web Site: <http://tradingstandards.iwight.com>

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