

You and the Law

AGE	THE LAW
Under 5	It is illegal to give an alcoholic drink to a child under 5 except in certain circumstances eg under medical supervision
Aged 5	You must attend school
Aged 10	You can be convicted of a criminal offence
Aged 12	You can see a Category 12 film at the cinema
Under 14	You cannot enter the bar of a pub unless the pub has a 'children's certificate'
14 or 15	You can go anywhere in a pub but cannot drink alcohol You can get a part-time job but there are restrictions on what you are allowed to do
Aged 15	You can see a Category 15 film at the cinema
Aged 16	You can leave home with consent of your parents You can buy(or be bought) beer or cider with a meal, but not in a bar. (Only in an area set aside for meals) You can start work full-time You can buy a lottery ticket or bet on the pools You can buy cigarettes You can leave school You can hold a licence to drive a moped You can get married with your parents permission You can have a sexual relationship
Under 18	You cannot buy alcohol in a pub, off-licence, supermarket or any other outlet - Except for 16/17 year olds having a meal in a pub - or for anyone else to buy alcohol in a pub for someone who is under 18 You can hold a licence to drive a car
Aged 18	You can buy alcohol You can sell alcohol - provided you have a licence You can see a category 18 Film You can place a bet in a betting shop You can leave Home without permission from your parents You can get married without permission from your parents You can vote You can buy fireworks
Aged 19	You are entitled to full time education up to the age of 19