

## **LICENSING AND AGE RESTRICTIONS**

### **Tattooing, body piercing and tanning**

In Wandsworth, premises providing tattooing, body piercing and sun tanning facilities need to be licenced by the Council.

National legislation makes it illegal for anyone to tattoo a person who is under the age of 18, except for medical reasons. It is also illegal to allow a person under 18 to use a sun bed/sun tanning facility.

In Wandsworth, and in most London boroughs, the condition of a licence makes it illegal for premises to provide body piercings to anyone under the age of 16, except for ears and nose (nostril only) where parental consent has been obtained.

If you or anyone you know has had problems with underage tattoos, piercings or sun bed use or if you would like any further information please call Wandsworth's Licensing Team on 020 8871 6160 or email us at [licensing@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### **Sale of alcohol**

A person under the age of 18 who is drinking alcohol in public can be stopped, fined or arrested by police.

If a person is under 18, it is against the law:

- for someone to sell them alcohol
- to buy or try to buy alcohol
- for an adult to buy or try to buy alcohol for them
- to drink alcohol in licensed premises (eg a pub or restaurant)

However if the individual is 16 or 17 and accompanied by an adult, they can drink (but not buy) beer, wine or cider with a meal.

A person 16 or under may be able to go to a pub (or premises primarily used to sell alcohol) if they are accompanied by an adult. However, this isn't always the case. It can also depend on:

- the specific conditions for that premises
- the licensable activities taking place there

It's illegal to give alcohol to children under 5.

The Council's Trading Standards section regularly carries out test purchases at premises selling age restricted goods and will take action against those that break the law.

If you think that any premises in the borough is breaking the law then please call Wandsworth's Licensing Team on 020 8871 6160 or email us at [licensing@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@wandsworth.gov.uk)