

# ALCOHOL AND THE LAW



It's against the law to sell alcohol to someone who is drunk.



If someone is over 18, they will need to prove it!



Adults over 18 can drink in public, except in areas where Public Space Protection Orders are in place.



Drink spiking is illegal, whether or not an attack or assault is carried out. It can result in a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison for anyone found guilty of doing it. If an assault, rape or robbery has taken place, the sentence will be higher.



It's against the law for anyone aged 18 or over to buy alcohol for someone under 18 (buying by proxy).



If a person is incapacitated from alcohol or other drugs, i.e. they are unable to speak coherently, are confused, unable to walk unassisted or pass out, they cannot give consent.



Drink driving costs lives and leads to loss of licence, fines and up to 14 years in prison if someone is fatally injured. It's against the law to drive with more than 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of the blood (or more than 50mg of alcohol per 100ml in Scotland).