

## Proof of age cards

To be able to buy alcohol you need to be 18.

Lancashire is a Check 25 county. This means you will be asked to prove your age when trying to buy alcohol if you look under 25.

To prove you are 18 you need acceptable I.D.

The Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) is the UK's national guarantee scheme for proof of age cards.

This means you won't have to carry your passport or driving licence around with you on a night out, so there is less chance of it becoming lost or stolen for identity theft.

The PASS hologram on a card indicates that the card is not a fake. For more information on how to obtain acceptable I.D. please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancan](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancan)



## Useful websites

For information and advice about alcohol related crime or to report a crime anonymously log on to [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)

For details of what is happening in your area log on to [www.yps.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.yps.lancashire.gov.uk)

For more information about alcohol log on to [www.drinkaware.co.uk](http://www.drinkaware.co.uk)

To listen to young people's personal stories about binge-drinking and taking drugs log on to [www.youthhealthtalk.org](http://www.youthhealthtalk.org)

TALK ABOUT ALCOHOL is packed with information, interesting things to explore and challenges to try log on to [www.talkaboutalcohol.com](http://www.talkaboutalcohol.com)



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Working together to keep young people safe.

# Alcohol, young people & the law



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## Alcohol, young people & the law

This leaflet attempts to explain what alcohol and the law means for young people.

### Buying Alcohol

If you attempt to buy alcohol and you are under **18** you are breaking the law. You could be fined.

If you ask somebody over **18** to buy you alcohol and they attempt to do so you are both breaking the law. You can both be fined.

Any pub or shop that sells alcohol to somebody **under 18** breaks the law and can be fined. They could also lose their licence to sell alcohol.

### Did you know?

25% of young people claim to use other peoples ID to buy alcohol.

...if you get caught the ID will be seized, you could be prosecuted and may receive a substantial fine or a term of imprisonment.



## Alcohol - the law

### Drinking outside

It is illegal for a person under the age of **18** to be in possession of alcohol. You could be prosecuted and may receive a fine.

If you're aged **10-15** and caught drinking in a public place the police may take you home to your parents, send a letter to your school and you could also receive a fine.

If you're aged **16** or **17** and caught drinking in a public place the police may issue you with a direction to leave the area. Failure to do this may lead to you either being arrested or getting a fine.



## Did you know?

If you're under **18** and with an adult it is up to the pub whether or not you are allowed in.

It is against the law to buy alcohol for anybody under the age of **18**.

If you're under **18** and drinking alcohol in public, your parents may be asked to attend by police. Further contact may take place to assess if additional support is required.

If you're aged **16** or **17** and go in a pub with an adult, the adult may buy you beer, wine or cider if you are having a meal at a table.

If you're **under 18** and you drink alcohol in a pub (except for the previous situation) you are breaking the law and could be fined.

