



Nottinghamshire  
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# Business Information

## Sale of Gas Lighter refills and other solvents

### **The Cigarette Lighter Refill (Safety) Regulations 1999**

The purpose of these regulations is to prevent a dangerous substance being sold to young people and so avoid substance abuse.

#### **The Offence**

You must not sell or supply cigarette lighter fuel or any cigarette lighter refill canister containing butane to anyone under the age of 18 years.

#### **The Penalty**

If found guilty of committing the above offence, the penalty you may face is up to 6 months imprisonment, or a fine of up to £5,000, or both.

### **The Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Act 1985**

Intoxicating substances are items such as solvent-based glues, aerosols, dry cleaning fluid, correction fluid and thinners, marker pens, 'cold-start', anti-freeze, butane (from a source other than a cigarette lighter refill) and any other substance likely to be inhaled by anyone under the age of 18.

#### **The Offence**

You must not sell or supply any substance to a person under the age of 18 knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that the substance (or its fumes), are likely to be inhaled for the purpose of causing intoxication.

#### **The Penalty**

The maximum penalty for the above offence is up to 6 months imprisonment, or a fine of up to £5,000, or both.

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*This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding intoxicating substances. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance. For further details or clarification please contact the Trading Standards Service.*



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