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Message

Kent Trading Standards monitor sales of age restricted goods to young people, particularly tobacco and alcohol.

It is important to restrict the sales of such goods because they lead to health problems, truancy and anti-social behaviour.

Often young people will attempt to buy such goods themselves or will ask an adult to buy for them.

Trading Standards advise members of the public not to buy alcohol for young people aged under 18 when approached in the street. These purchases are known as "proxy sales" and are illegal. Adults who buy alcohol for children are committing an offence and could face a fine of up to **£5000**.

If you are aware of retailers who you suspect of selling tobacco or alcohol to children under 18, or have been approached by a young person with a request to buy cigarettes or alcohol for them, Trading Standards would be very interested to know when and where. Please be assured that you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Please contact us via Consumer Direct on 0808 156 2256 or visit www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent/youcanhelp

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Signed

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