



PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDERS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009

The Home Office is providing an additional £1m to police and drug and alcohol teams for the roll-out of 9 new alcohol arrest referral projects.

Under the scheme, offenders arrested for alcohol-related crimes will be compelled to attend an alcohol referral session within one week of being arrested. At the first session offenders will learn about alcohol unit strengths, health effects of excessive drinking and the connection between their drinking and offending behaviour. The second session specialists will review the offender's drinking behaviour, assess the impact that this has on friends and family and discuss ways of reducing their need for alcohol.



Arrest referral will make no difference to whether someone is charged or not with committing an offence.

At the moment this new pilot scheme is taking place in North-east Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Cleveland, Bristol, Swindon, Leicestershire & Rutland, Stoke-on-Trent, Cumbria and Islington.

GOT A PROBLEM WITH PEST CONTROL IN YOUR PREMISES?



Both one-off and annual pest control treatments are available from High Peak Council. Call for a free quotation on 0845 129 77 77.



Risk Assessments for Licensed Premises

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Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 every licensed premise should have a written fire risk assessment in relation to fire safety on the premises. The 'responsible person' has a general duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable –

- the safety of employees, and
- in relation to non-employees to take such fire precautions as may reasonably be required in the circumstances to ensure the premises are safe.

Any suitable and sufficient risk assessment should consider –

- Fire detection and warning
- Fire fighting equipment
- Emergency exit routes and exit doors
- Emergency lighting
- Suitable fire safety signage
- Staff training
- Fire safety management

You may be guilty of an offence if you fail to comply with these requirements.

A short guide has been produced available to view or download explaining the impact of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 on small and medium sized businesses;
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/regulatoryreformfire>

The Communities and Local Government have produced a series of guides with more technical detail on how to comply available to view and download at;

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/firesafetylaw/>



Further guidance specific to premises that have sleeping accommodation for paying guests is available at;

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/playingguests>

For further information or advice on Fire safety within the High Peak Contact Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service on Tel No 01298 22274

POLICING & CRIME BILL 2008-09

This Bill was laid before Parliament on 18 December 2008. It will make provision for:-

- the reclassification of lap dancing venues as 'sex encounter establishments';
- reducing and dealing with alcohol abuse through mandatory codes of practice for selling alcohol.

It is thought this legislation will take effect during this coming summer.

Comments please: Is this newsletter useful? We would like to hear from you. Let us know what you would like including in the next edition (contact information shown below).

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On a lighter note

- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts ... so in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down" **It's where we get the phrase "Mind your P's & Q's."**



- Years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill they used the whistle to get some service. **Wet your whistle** is the phrase inspired by this practice.