My name is Mr. Amardeep Singh Seehra. I work at the off licence called My Local which is on 12a Grove Road, London, E3 5AX.

On Friday 19th July 2013 I started work at 9am in the shop and it was a very busy day because of the Love Box Festival in Victoria Park. There were 50,000 people at the festival. They must walk past the shop to reach the festival.

At about 2:30 pm a policeman approached me in the shop and said that I sold a can of lager to an under aged boy. I replied "I did not sell a can of lager to an under aged boy, I always ask for ID if I think they are under age." He then showed me a picture of the boy and said that he was 16 years old. I said that the "boy looks well over the age of 18." He was tall with a medium build and had a beard. I told the police man "he looked like he was at least 24 years old which is why I did not ask him for ID. I always ask for ID if the customer looks under 21 years old." I also said "it was unfair that they used this boy because he looked well over the age of 18 and because they chose the busiest day of the year for the shop." The police man said "I will issue you with a PND". I asked "what is a PND?" He said "you can go to the court or pay £80 fine and no further action will be taken". So I said "I will pay the fine and not go to the court."

I am an Asian male, 29 years old, f5.7" with a medium build. Looking at the witness statements, all three statement are of different ages 24, 35 and 40 years of age.

AMARDEEP SINGH SECHRA

I Rokybul Islam on Saturday 20th July 2013 was asked by my friend and also my flatmate Mr Mohammad Zaheer Uddin "if I could help him where he works, which is 12a Grove Road. The shop name is My Local. It is an off licence and convenient shop". I said "yes I will help".

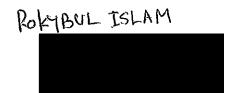
We both went to the shop at 9.00 am. Mr Uddin said "that my job is to refill the fridges and the shelves and to unload the van from the cash & carry" and he explained to me how to use the till if I need to. Then Mr. Uddin and I started to refill the fridges. As the time went by then Mr. Uddin said to me "I need to go to the toilet, should I lock the shop for 10 minutes or you will be able to manage?" I replied "don't worry, it is not very busy yet I will manage". Then I served maybe 3 or 4 customers within 10 to 15 minutes. After that me and Mr. Uddin made some tea.

Then the police came to the shop and said "that I sold one lager to under age", I replied "no". The policeman said "yes", than I said to the policeman "he looks more than 18 years of age". Then the police said "you will go to the court or you can pay £80 fine and everything stops here". So I said "ok, I will pay £80 fine because I have never been in court in my life".

Mr. Uddin asked me "what happened?" I said "police said that I sold one lager to a 16 year old". Mr. Uddin said "when did that happen?" I said "when you were in the toilet". We both were very upset and Mr. Uddin was very angry with me. Then Mr. Uddin said "I don't know how to explain this to my boss". Then Mr. Uddin phones the boss wife and explains everything to her. The boss wife said to Mr. Uddin "please don't say anything to your boss yet, he will be very very upset and angry. I will tell him myself tonight, for now be very careful ".

Mr. Uddin was very upset with me and said "the boss will sack me now, he doesn't even know you". I shouldn't have asked you to serve the customers. I should have closed the shop and this would have never happened if I was on the till".

I would like to describe myself as an Asian male, aged 23 years old, about f5'9".





Date: 30th July 2013

Your reference My reference

Communities, Localities and Culture

Safer Communities

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Dear Business Owner,

The Tower Hamlets Underage Sales & Responsible Trader Scheme

Tower Hamlets Trading Standards will soon be launching a new scheme aimed at local retailers in a bid to help prevent the sale of age restricted products to underage children.

As you may be aware, we often carry out test purchase exercises to ensure traders are not selling products such as alcohol or tobacco to young people below the legal age. The protection of children is a high priority and unfortunately the failure rate of sales in these tests is above the national average in this borough.

The Tower Hamlets Underage Sales & Responsible Trader Scheme is a way for Trading Standards and local businesses to work together to make sure you are provided with the advice and training materials required to prevent these sales from taking place.

Officers will be carrying out routine visits to all relevant retailers within the borough to discuss the scheme in more detail. Retailers will be invited to sign a voluntary best practice agreement, providing assurances that they will agree to implement conditions such as Challenge 25, refusals logs, regular training of staff etc.

It is hoped that the scheme will reduce the rate of underage sales significantly, which in turn will assure the public that the trader is doing all they can to protect our children. If you are interested in joining the scheme please contact Geraldine Temple on 020 7364 5025 or email geraldine.temple@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Yours sincerely.



Geraldine Temple
Consumer Services Officer

How old are they?



Amy is



Vanessa is



Pradz is



Bruce is



Barney is



Dan is



Ross is



Bruce is

Age Perception Quiz Answers

Amy = 17 (just!)

Pradz = **21**

Barney = 22

Ross = 19

Vanessa = 24

Bruce (1) = 16

Dan = 19

Bruce (2) = 29

Tower Hamlets Underage Sales & Responsible Trader Scheme

An essential guide to age-restricted products





Tower Hamlets Underage Sales & Responsible Trader Scheme





Name and address of shop	
MY LOCAL.	
12A GROVE ROAD.	
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Date from $92/10/2013$ to	

Refusals & Incident Book for Age Restricted Goods

Record of refusals

Date and time	Product	Person refused	Asked for ID?	Comments	Refused by
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS Directorate of Communities Leisure and Culture

Environmental Health Commercial Team, Mulberry Place (AH), PO Box 55739, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 1BY

Health Act 2006 Smoke-Free Regulations 2007 am/pm: Officer: Tel. No: 020 7364 5008 Date: Time Name of business... Business address..... Post code.....Email..... Main Contact.....Job title..... Person interviewed.... % who smoke Number of employees who work on/from premises No. who smoke Legal Requirements Action: H33 - Visit / H34 Advice / H35 Promotion Signage compliant Y/N Premises smokefree compliant Y/N Shelter smokefree compliant Y/N/NA H53 Yes 1 H58 No H66 Yes H57 No Vehicles number Vehicles smokefree compliant Y/N Signage compliant Y/N Action required/taken Smokefree Policy & Good Practice Is there a no smoking policy in place Y/N Applies to contractors, visitors, etc. Y/N Does the policy ban smoking on Does the policy ban smoking at work, Does the policy ban apply to except for statutory breaks Y/N driving when at work Y/N the whole of the premises Y/N Number of breaks Are they paid/unpaid Smoking breaks permitted Y/N Similar breaks also available to non-smokers Y/N/N/A. If not why not Prevent smoke drift into own and other buildings Y/N Designated external smoking areas Y/N/N/A Is smoking banned in view of public/customers e.g. at or Are tobacco products sold on the premises? If yes, entrances frontages Y/N via vending machine, or other means (e.g. counter) Is there litter control on site YIN. Is there litter control at external areas where employees smoke Y/N Has the extra business costs of smoking been considered e.g. smoking breaks; sickness absences; productivity; customer service disruption; company image Y/N **Tower Hamlets Stop Smoking Services** Know how to access the free stop smoking services Y/N Nearest service is Promotion of stop smoking services Y/N Service can be provided in workplace Y/N Allow time during working hours to attend stop smoking service Y/N/paid/unpaid/part paid say 50/50 Interested in applying for Smokefree Award Y/N Information left on premises Further visit date Signature of person interviewed/Print name

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Summary of Smokefree Law.

The new smokefree law has been introduced to protect employees and the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. The new law applies to anything that can be smoked. This includes cigarettes, pipes (including water pipes), cigars and herbal cigarettes.

Premises.

It is against the law to smoke in enclosed and substantially enclosed premises used by more that one person and in public places. The 50/50 rule determines whether premises are substantially enclosed. If they have a ceiling or roof with openings in the walls which are less than the half the total areas of walls, they must be smokefree. Removable parts e.g. awnings and sides are considered as part of the enclosure. Smokefree applies to temporary structures such as tents and marquees.

Statutory no smoking signs of A5 minimum size must be displayed at each public entrance. The A5 sign or no smoking symbol must be displayed at each staff-only entrance.

Vehicles.

The law applies to work vehicles used by more than one person, and to vehicles used by the public including taxis and minicabs.

Vehicles must have the no smoking symbol displayed in each compartment of the vehicle.

Exemptions.

Premises exemptions include:

Residential premises, except communal areas and parts of residential premises used solely for work by more than one person or where members of the public receive goods or service; designated bedrooms in hotels, guest houses etc; specialist tobacconist for sampling pipe tobacco or cigars; smoking rooms in residential care homes and hospices.

Vehicle exemptions include:

Vehicles used primarily for private purposes by the owner and convertibles with the roof folded away.

Responsibilities.

Managers and persons in charge of smokefree premises and vehicles are responsible ensuring that people do not smoke.

Penalties for non-compliance.

Offence	Who is liable?	Fixed penalty notice (if paid within 15 days)	Fixed penalty Notice (if paid within 29 days)	Court awarded fine
Smoking in a smokefree place	Anyone who smokes in a smokefree place	£30	£50	Up to £200
Failing to display required no smoking sign	Anyone who manages or occuples smokefree premises or vehicle	£150	£200	Up to £1000
Failing to prevent smoking in a smokefree place	Anyone who manages or occupies smokefree premises or vehicle	N/A	N/A	Up to £2500

Go Smokefree with Tower Hamlets.

To make a Fresh Start and quit smoking contact Tower Hamlets Health Hotline on 020 7364 5016 for advice and support.

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