



## Age restricted sales – Fireworks -Pyrotechnics

### **Who is this information for?**

This information is for businesses who sell fireworks to consumers.

### **What are the main requirements?**

There are restrictions and requirements relating to the way fireworks are sold.

### **What are the restrictions?**

The Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 1997 prohibits the sale of fireworks to any person apparently under the age of 18. However, party poppers, cracker snaps, amorces, serpents or novelty matches can be sold to people who are 16 years old or over.

### **Are there additional requirements?**

All fireworks intended for use by the general public must comply with British Standard 7114. Do not stock fireworks unless they are marked 'Complies with BS 7114: Part 2 1988' (or for packs 'Contents comply with BS 7114: Part 2 1988')

### **How can I meet the requirements concerning age restrictions?**

For advice on do's and don'ts concerning sales to young people; proof of age; ensuring your staff comply and the enforcement of age-restricted sales. In addition, you could consider displaying an age warning notice as shown below - it may deter under age people asking for fireworks.

### **What happens if I don't comply with the requirements?**

Failure to comply could result in goods being seized and prosecution. On conviction the Courts may impose a fine of up to £5000, or up to 6 months imprisonment, or both.

### **Where can I get further information?**

Your local Trading Standards Service can give you specific advice, in addition to general assistance and further information.