

Alcohol Consumption

You must not consume alcohol in an area covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order with an alcohol restriction or have alcohol with you that you intend to consume in that area. If you do you are likely to get it taken off you by a Police officer or police community support officer (PCSO).

People are not allowed to have sealed containers of alcohol in an area if a Police officer or PCSO thinks that they will be consumed in the area.

For example, if a group of youths are sat around in an area drinking cans of beer and have a full crate of beer with them, it would be reasonable to assume that the sealed containers are likely to be drunk in the area and would be seized.

If someone has been shopping and bought alcohol which is in their shopping bag and is walking through an area on their way home, it is very unlikely that they will drink it whilst in the area, therefore it would not be seized.

You must comply with the officer's direction to you to either dispose of the alcohol or hand it over to them. Failure to do so will result in you receiving a fixed penalty notice.

Public Spaces Protection Orders can be relaxed using a temporary events notice for a temporary period for special events such as a summer fete or street party for events i.e Royal weddings/one off festivals. Please contact the anti social behaviour team using the email address below if you are planning an event.

If you are planning to sell alcohol you may need a temporary event notice. Further information is available on the [temporary event notices page](#).

Public Spaces Protection Orders can also be relaxed when a pavement licence is issued.