



# Licensing

## SUMMARY

Licensing and gambling regulations can provide levers for encouraging businesses to update their policies, particularly when they appear reluctant to do so

## DESCRIPTION

The government's reform of licensing and gambling legislation (Gambling Act 2005) placed a shared statutory responsibility on LSCBs and licensed businesses to safeguard children and young people and can be used by licensing teams as a lever for engaging unresponsive licensed premises or event managers. Other law enforcement agencies can work with licensing teams and act as their 'eyes and ears' to report any safeguarding concerns when performing routine inspections such as Food and Hygiene or Health and Safety checks. Licensing regulation can also be used to disrupt suspicious activity in unlicensed places.

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

Businesses, licensed premises, local authorities, LSCBs

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