

62456 Alcohol Test Purchasing and Alcohol Delivery Compliance in Edinburgh

Copies of any current Council, Trading Standards, Licensing Standards Officer, or Licensing Board policies, procedures, guidance, training materials or protocols relating to:

Alcohol test purchasing

Underage alcohol sales

Challenge 25 or age verification

Alcohol delivery compliance

Doorstep handover of alcohol

Refusal of alcohol delivery to underage or intoxicated persons

Delivery drivers or third-party couriers

Alcohol being left unattended

Any standard licence conditions, local policy statements, or guidance issued to premises in Edinburgh that sell alcohol for delivery.

See the attached [Licensing Board's policy and compliance inspection documents used by the Council's Licensing Standards Officers](#), as well as the [Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) containing mandatory conditions and local conditions.

Please provide the following information for the last five financial years, broken down by year where possible:

The number of alcohol test-purchase operations carried out in Edinburgh.

The number of individual attempted alcohol test purchases.

The number of failed alcohol test purchases where alcohol was sold to an underage volunteer.

The number and type of premises tested, broken down where held by:

Supermarkets

Convenience stores

Off-licences

Bars/pubs

Restaurants/takeaways

Online alcohol retailers

App-based alcohol delivery services

Supermarket or rapid grocery delivery services.

Whether the Council, Trading Standards, Licensing Standards Officers, or the Licensing Board have carried out any alcohol test purchases or compliance checks involving delivery orders, including orders placed through:

Delivery apps

Online retailers

Supermarket delivery services

Telephone orders

Direct delivery from licensed premises.

If alcohol delivery checks have been carried out, please provide:

The number of operations

The number of attempted purchases

The number of failures

Whether ID was requested at the point of delivery

Whether alcohol was handed to the named purchaser only

Whether alcohol was left unattended

Any enforcement action taken.

Please confirm whether any test purchasing or compliance checks assess the apparent intoxication of the recipient at the point of alcohol delivery.

If no alcohol delivery test purchases or intoxication-related delivery checks are carried out, please confirm whether this is due to:

Lack of legal powers

Lack of resources

Operational policy

Lack of recorded data

Or another reason.

The number of complaints or reports received by the Council concerning:

Underage alcohol sales

Alcohol delivery to underage persons

Alcohol delivery to visibly intoxicated persons

Alcohol being left unattended by delivery drivers

Failures to check ID during alcohol delivery.

The number of cases referred to Police Scotland, the Licensing Board, or the Procurator Fiscal following alcohol test-purchase failures or alcohol delivery compliance failures.

The enforcement outcomes following failed checks, including where held:

Verbal warnings

Written warnings

Staff retraining

Fixed penalties

Licence reviews

Licence suspensions

Additional licence conditions

Referrals to Police Scotland

Referrals to the Procurator Fiscal

No further action.

The number of premises that failed more than one alcohol test purchase, and whether repeat failures resulted in further enforcement action.

Any correspondence, meeting notes, policy discussions or agreements held with alcohol delivery platforms, including but not limited to Just Eat, Deliveroo, Uber Eats, supermarket delivery services, or rapid grocery delivery providers, concerning:

Alcohol sales

ID checks

Delivery refusals

Intoxicated recipients

Unattended deliveries

Driver training

Compliance responsibilities.

The City of Edinburgh Council has no powers to carry out test purchases in relation to alcohol in Scotland, and therefore we do not hold the information which you requested. [Police Scotland](#), as the relevant enforcement authority, can be contacted for this information.

Please also note that alcohol delivery platforms are not regulated by the Licensing Scotland (Act) 2005; instead, the relevant responsibility lies with the business selling the alcohol. Therefore, there has been no meetings between the Council and any courier or delivery services in relation to the delivery of alcohol.