

Help us help more people recover from solvent abuse

Solvent Abuse and the Law

Under the 2016 Psychoactive Substances Act, it is illegal to sell or supply psychoactive substances. This includes solvents, butane gas, aerosols and nitrous oxide canisters if you have reason to believe that they will be used for intoxication (i.e. to get 'high'). This legislation includes sales to adults and young people and you could be prosecuted.

There is also specific legislation controlling the sale of some volatile substances to young people. This includes the following:

- It is illegal to supply cigarette lighter refills containing butane to anyone under the age of 18 (Cigarette Lighter Refill (Safety) Regulations, 1999)
- It is illegal to sell spray paint to anyone under the age of 16 (Antisocial Behaviour Act, 2003)
- Under national licensing regulations, petrol cannot be sold to anyone under the age of 16.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Re-Solv, the UK's national charity that works to prevent solvent abuse and support all those who are affected by it.

Thank you

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