

## Helpful Numbers

### **Alcohol Advisory Service (023) 9229 6467**

*Provide help and support to those who feel they can't be alcohol free and also those who choose abstinence as an aim.*

### **National Alcohol Helpline 0800 917 8282**

*Confidential advice and information on all aspects of alcohol. Calls are free.*

### **Kingsway House, Portsmouth (023) 9229 1607**

*Advice & information; inpatient detoxification; community prescribing by specialist; community prescribing by GP; structured counselling; aftercare.*

### **Portsmouth Outreach & Access Service (PORTAS) And Cranstoun Drug Services (023) 9275 1617**

*Cranstoun provides community services in Portsmouth for people with drug and alcohol problems; for policy and decision makers and for staff.*

*Cranstoun offers treatment and rehabilitation services in the community, in prisons and in residential centres.*

## Members of the Safer Portsmouth Partnership

*The Safer Portsmouth Partnership work together to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse and aim to create a city where people live work and visit, free from the fear of crime*

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership  
Community Network  
Cranstoun Drug Services (Voluntary Sector)  
Hampshire Constabulary  
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Hampshire Fire Authority  
Hampshire Police Authority  
Hampshire Probation Service  
Joint Commissioning Group (Drug Treatment)  
Local Strategic Partnership  
Motiv8 (Voluntary Sector)  
Portsmouth City Council  
Portsmouth Primary Care Trust  
Wessex Youth Offending Team

## Contact Details

### **Community Safety Team**

(Portsmouth City Council) (023) 9283 4755

### **Community Safety Unit**

(Police) (023) 9289 3250

### **Public Health**

(Portsmouth City Primary Care Trust)

(023) 9283 5105

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**Bengali** answerphone service: (023) 9284 1651

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# Drinking responsibly in Portsmouth

# Designated Public Places Order



Portsmouth City Council is promoting responsible drinking to people who live in, work in, or visit the city. As part of this campaign, the Council has introduced a citywide Designated Public Places Order that will be effective from 15 August 2005. This order is not a ban on drinking alcohol in public.

### What is responsible drinking?

Over 90% of the adult population drink. The majority do so with no problems the majority of the time. Drinking alcohol is widely associated with socialising, relaxing and pleasure. Drinking in moderation can even provide some health benefits.

The Government's Recommended Sensible Drinking levels are:

- A maximum intake of 2-3 units per day for women and 3-4 for men, with two alcohol-free days after heavy drinking; continued alcohol consumption at the upper level is not advised;
- That intake of up to two units a day can have a moderate protective effect against heart disease for men over 40 and post-menopausal women; and that some groups, such as pregnant women and those engaging in potentially dangerous activities (such as operating heavy machinery), should drink less or nothing at all.

Continued heavy drinking or binge drinking can cause problems for an individual's health. Where drinking is associated with criminality or anti-social behaviour, it has an impact on the individual, their family and the whole community.

### What is a Designated Public Places Order?

The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 introduced the power for Local Authorities to designate public places in which it will become an offence to drink alcohol after being requested not to do so by a Police Officer. The Police will have the power to require the surrender of

alcohol and containers in these circumstances and those who fail to comply will be liable to arrest. The mechanism for such a ban is a 'Designated Public Places Order'.

### Why has this been introduced?

The government is focused on promoting responsible drinking and reducing alcohol misuse and associated problems such as anti social behaviour.

The key aims for Portsmouth are to:

- Provide additional powers to police to deal with persistent street drinking and alcohol related anti-social behaviour
- Reduce disturbances in public places that are alcohol related
- Reduce drunkenness in public places
- Contribute to the range of actions which are being delivered to reduce alcohol misuse
- Reduce the numbers of street drinkers and hotspot areas through combining enforcement with outreach services

All of this should contribute to a city where residents, workers and visitors value and respect each other and their environment.

### How will this affect me?

This means that from the 15th August 2005 a Police Officer or a Police Community Safety Officer may ask you to stop drinking in a public place if:

- You are creating disorder or behaving in an anti social manner (whilst drinking alcohol or under the influence of alcohol)
- There is a likelihood of anti social behaviour or

disorder (whilst drinking or under the influence of alcohol)

- **Complaints have been received from members of the public concerning an on going or developing problem.**

### What will happen if I do not stop drinking alcohol?

If you continue to drink when asked not to your alcohol may be confiscated and disposed of by the officer.

### What if I surrender my alcohol?

If you surrender your alcohol and do not continue to behave in an anti social manner, there will be no further action.

### What will happen if I do not handover my alcohol?

You may be arrested and convicted to a maximum fine of £500 or issued with a fixed penalty notice.

### What will happen if I handover my alcohol but continue to behave in an anti social manner?

You may be arrested and convicted of a Public Order offence.

**This order will not affect you if you are drinking sensibly in a public place**



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