Fundraising guide

Food
- The Food Safety Act of 1990 and Regulations of 1995 (as amended) place requirements on anyone who sells or processes food to make sure they do so safely and hygienically.
- Always ensure that any food you are providing or selling has been safely stored, hygienically prepared and thoroughly cooked.
- Foods made with nuts, unpasteurised milk or raw eggs should be clearly labelled or avoided.
- If selling food that has already been defrosted, label it to warn people against freezing it again.
- For further advice please consult your local authority’s food safety officer.

Lotteries and quizzes
- Lotteries are governed by the Gambling Act 2005.
- ‘Small’ and ‘private’ lotteries (for example at a fete or dinner dance) do not need a licence.
- ‘Society’ lotteries (such as stand-alone raffles) require a licence and there are legal requirements on the level of prizes that can be offered, the amount of expenses that can be charged, and the way the activity is organised.
- As the rules regarding lotteries are complex, it is advisable to ask for clarification from your local authority. If you are organising a quiz or competition that genuinely relies on skill, judgement or knowledge to determine the outcome, no registration is required and there is no limit to the prizes that can be offered.

Sales
- It is an offence to sell the following goods to young people under 18:
  - cigarettes
  - alcohol
  - knives
  - other potential weapons
  - age restricted games and DVDs
  (this is not an exhaustive list).
- It is an offence to sell the following goods to young people under 18:
  - alcohol
  - adult-rated videos or literature
  (this is not an exhaustive list).

Safeguarding
As a lifesaving charity, we believe in prioritising the safety and welfare of our volunteers, employees and supporters. Safeguarding is about protecting and supporting young people and vulnerable adults so they can live free from harm, abuse and neglect. For further advice, please email safeguarding@RNLI.org.uk.

Disclaimer
All of the above information is intended as guidance only. Full consideration should always be given to each event and the relevant local authorities and other interested parties should be consulted.

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