



Sales of Goods Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S_Doc_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls the sale of goods at church.

Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Procedure

Most of the goods sold due to our Church related activities will be second hand. The scope of possible 'for-sale' items is very wide-ranging. The following list is intended to be a guidance list for second hand items. The Church will not sell or raffle etc. any item it believes not to be inherently safe, considering:

- 1) No goods will be sold unless they have been donated to the Church through legitimate means.
- 2) There will be no sales of soft furnishings (curtains & pillows) due to the associated fire risk they present unless they are in their original packaging.
- 3) Any baby items (including prams, cots, bottles & clothes), any nightwear and any underwear will not be sold.
- 4) Mains appliances that are 'used as heaters' in any way (convector, bar or IR fires etc.) will not be sold.
- 5) Mains electrical appliances intended for direct contact with the body while in use will not be sold.
- 6) All other mains electrical items will need to carry an in-date PAT sticker & look in good repair.
- 7) Mains gas, LPG or paraffin type fuel or fuelled items will not be sold.
- 8) Toys that are unsuitable for those children under 3 years old will not be sold, unless in their original packaging.
- 9) Children's clothing with hood cords will not be sold.
- 10) Items that could be used "not for their intended purpose" (knives, glues, solvents etc.) will not be sold to people under 18 years old.
- 11) Items portraying or supporting extreme political, sexual or racist intent will not be sold.
- 12) Food & drink can be sold within the context of the Church food hygiene policy. See church document H&S_Doc_007
- 13) No medicines or vitamins etc. (including herbal remedies) will be sold.
- 14) No items likely to cause any adverse reaction physically or mentally will be knowingly sold without consideration or consultation with the buyer.
- 15) The sale of alcohol may require other permits.

This is not an exhaustive list, however items not clearly falling into either category can be assessed as suitable by considering the above list. Item prices will be clearly marked. Items that are considered 'new' for sale for the Church & funded by the church in any way will be discussed for funding and appropriateness through the PCC spend approval process. This means that 'prizes' or 'benefits' can't be offered if they are to be derived from church funds without first having PCC approval for that spend. The purpose of the profit from any sale event must be easily determined by the buyers. Any false claims about the quality, origin, authenticity of the goods sold may amount to a misrepresentation and would entitle the customer to sue our church through the civil courts

Forms

None

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Diagrams

None

Appendices

None

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