



Team

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Environmental Health & Licensing

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Environmental Crime

Food, Safety and Health

Licensing

Environmental Protection



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Environmental Crime

- Fly tipping
- Trade waste – duty of care
- On street car sales
- Operations with partner organisations – waste carriers stop and search





Fly tipping

- Significant problem
- Importance of getting evidence
- Environmental Crime Officers and Wardens work together





Food, Safety and Health

- Food Hygiene and Food Safety Enforcement
- Infectious Disease Control
- Health and Safety Enforcement
- Licensing of specific activities (Tattooing)



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Food Safety

- Investigation of infectious diseases including Food Poisoning
- Investigation of complaints about food safety or food premises hygiene
- Registration of new food businesses and hygiene inspections of approx. 1900 food premises
- The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme website for Northampton





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Inspections/Audits

Unannounced visits of
high and medium
risk food businesses



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Health and Safety Enforcement

- Health and safety enforcement in approx. 6700 workplaces
- Project based interventions
- Investigation of accidents
- Investigation of complaints about health and safety
- Advice on Radon, asbestos and other health and safety issues and smoke free legislation

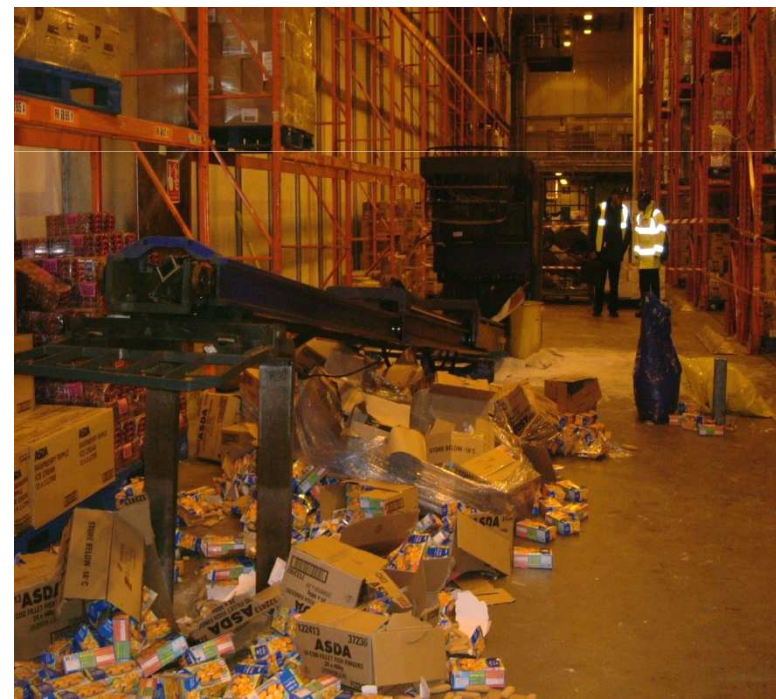




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Health and Safety Enforcement



Unfortunately these are





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Infectious Disease Control

- Prevent the spread of illness within the community and establish possible causes.
- Last Year 2010/11 we received over 450 notifications of infectious disease for the Northampton area



Licensing Responsibilities

- Implement, monitor and enforce the Councils Licensing obligations
- Provide specialist advice and guidance
- Work directly with the Police
- Identify, report and implement legislative changes
- Undertake relevant enforcement



Licensing Objectives

- Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm



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Key Governing Legislation

Governed by over 20 pieces of legislation

- Licensing Act 2003
- Gambling Act 2005
- Regulatory Reform Act 2007
- Local Government Act 1979 & 1982
- Deregulation Act 2015
- Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
- Town Police Clauses Act 1847
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984etc



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Enforcement Activity

- Multi-agency checks on taxi's and drivers
- Enforcement on Illegal plying for hire
- Premises inspections – multi agency
- Test purchasing operations – multi agency
- Day time multi-agency checks on taxi's
- Spot checks – Street Traders, Car Boot Sales, Licensed Premises



Environmental Protection

- Noise
- Public Health
- Environmental Permitting
- Contaminated Land
- Carbon Management
- Odour
- Drainage
- Air Quality
- Funerals
- Light Pollution





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A few figures

2014/15

- No. of noise complaints: 1984
- No. of funerals: 17
- No. of permitted premises: 64
- No of bonfire complaints: 100



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Complaints - Key Information Required

- Location of problem
- Full details of person affected – contact details – name, address, phone no, email
- How they are affected by the problem
- Contact via contact centre, website or app