

Fundraising Raffles



Organising a raffle is a great way to fundraise for our charity. It can be fun to organise and a good way to get everyone involved. It can often provide a focal point during a social gathering or fundraising event.

Many people are unaware that raffles are a form of gambling and therefore need to comply with the UK gambling laws. In some cases your raffle may have to be registered with your local council but this is not always the case. Please read our guidelines carefully *before organising or promoting your raffle*. It is important that you are aware of and comply with lottery and gambling regulations when you raise money for RoadPeace.

The following types of raffle do not require a licence or need to be registered with the Gambling Commission:

Small raffle

- Tickets can only be sold on the day of the draw, not before.
- Tickets should cost no more than £1 each.
- A maximum of £250 can be spent on prizes. Prizes of any value can be donated.
- No cash prizes can be offered but gift vouchers are OK.
- All proceeds of the raffle must be donated to the nominated charity.

Private raffle

- Tickets should be sold to people working or living in the same premises, or who are members of an organisation or club.
- Promotion and advertising of the raffle should be on the tickets, directly to members or on the premises.

You do not need a licence to operate a **prize competition** or a **free draw**.

The following type of raffle does require a licence and will need to be registered with your local authority licensing department. You will need to purchase a licence which costs around £30-£40 (valid for one year).

Society raffle

- Tickets are sold over a period of time, especially before the day of the draw.
- Tickets sold to the general public.
- Tickets should cost no more than £2 each.
- There needs to be a nominated promoter who takes responsibility for the raffle.
- Tickets must not be sold to people under the age of 16.
- You must carefully follow the authority's rules on how to administer the raffle and what needs to be printed on each ticket.
- When you register use "your name raising money for RoadPeace". Please do not register as "RoadPeace" as this will prevent the charity from applying for its own licence.

Please be aware that it is not possible to run your lottery under the RoadPeace name or through any licence held that may be held nationally by RoadPeace. More detailed information is available on www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk or by contacting the RoadPeace office.